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OTTAWA TO TEST THE NATAL ACT

Instructions Said to Have Been Sent to Department of Justice's Agent

WILL NOW GO TO COURTS

Constitutionality of the Measure Will Be Decided By the Judges

It is stated that instructions have been wired from Ottawa to the agent for the Dominion department of justice in this city to take habeas corpus proceedings in any attempt made by the provincial government to enforce the recently enacted Natal act.

In this manner the constitutionality of the act will be tested.

It is stated on good authority that the federal government will disallow the act, but the latter action is to prevent any trouble arising out of the attempt of the province to bar Asiatics.

Hon. W. J. Bowser stated last evening that the province would welcome having the matter referred to the courts. This would settle for all time the provincial rights in the matter.

W. H. Langey is the local agent of the department of justice. He stated last evening that he received no instructions to act in the matter, and without specific advice to that effect he would take no action on behalf of the Dominion government.

He could not say whether the Dominion agent in Vancouver, where the law has been enforced in several instances, had received any such instructions.

Dispatch From Ottawa.

The dispatch in full follows:—
Ottawa, Feb. 13.—It was learned this afternoon that the federal authorities will disallow the British Columbia Natal act. In the meantime instructions have been wired the agent of the justice department on the Pacific coast that if any attempt is made under the provincial law to deny admission to Japanese immigrants he is to take habeas corpus proceedings at once to contest the constitutionality of the act.

Officers Appointed.

The following have been appointed by the local government officers for carrying out the provisions of the Natal act:

Superintendent of Provincial Police F. S. Hussey, Victoria.
Constable W. L. Eaton, Victoria.
Chief Constable Collin S. Campbell, Vancouver.
Constable John Munro, Vancouver.
Chief Constable F. Stanley Spain, New Westminster.
Constable A. W. Lane, Mission.
Constable George Hutchinson, Douglas.

Regulations Issued.

The following provisions of the act is contained in the issue of the British Columbia Gazette of yesterday:

His honor the Lieutenant-governor in council has been pleased to make the following regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of the British Columbia Immigration act, 1908:

Regulations.

1. When an officer examines a person whom he shall suspect of being a "prohibited immigrant," he shall first ascertain whether such person is exempt from the provisions of the act as provided for in Section 3, and if the officer determines that such person is exempt, he shall issue to him a certificate.

2. If the officer determines that such person is not exempt, he shall then ascertain whether such person is coming into the province for the purpose of permanent residence, or is merely passing through the province

while traveling to some other country or some other province of Canada.

If the officer determines that such person is a traveler, he shall, upon production of such person of his ticket to a destination outside of the province or other satisfactory evidence, issue to such person a certificate.

If an intending immigrant is neither exempt under section 3 of this act, nor a traveler, the officer shall apply the educational test as provided for in section 3 of the act, and if such person complies with the requirements of said section, the officer shall issue to such person a certificate.

The certificate mentioned in the preceding three paragraphs shall be in the following form:

"Province of British Columbia.
"British Columbia Immigration Act, 1908.

"This is to certify that... No. of... aged... years, by trade... calling a... is a fit and proper person to be received as an immigrant into British Columbia.

"Dated at... this... day of... 190...

"An Immigration Officer."

If the officer determines that a person is not exempt from the provisions of the act, is not a traveler, and cannot comply with the educational test, as provided for in section 4 of the act, he shall prevent such person from entering the province, or, if such a person is found within the province without a certificate of exemption, he shall proceed as provided for in section 5 of the act.

Any officer may take such steps as he deems necessary to satisfy himself that a person admitted into the province as a traveler leaves the province for his destination without unnecessary delay.

All officers acting under the provisions of the act shall make a return to the superintendent of provincial police on the last day of each month of all certificates issued under the act during the month.

Forms of certificate and return will be supplied on application to the superintendent of provincial police.

By Command.

HENRY ESSON YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary.

GERMANY BREAKS WITH OTHER POWERS

Agrees to Turkish Control of Foreign Gendarmerie in Macedonia

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an article dealing with the breaking up of the concert of powers hitherto enjoyed in the Balkans for the purpose of the introduction of judicial, financial and administrative reforms in Macedonia.

At a conference of the ambassadors in Constantinople this week, says the Novoe Vremya, called for the purpose of affixing ambassadorial signatures to a joint note with reference to judicial reforms which have been the subject of negotiations for the past twelve months, Ambassador von Bieherstein made the startling announcement that Germany declined to proceed further in company with the powers in this matter. Instead, Germany proposed to abandon the note, agreeing with the Turkish counter-proposition, by which Turks instead of Europeans should be appointed inspectors of courts, in return for which the ports would consent to extend the mandates for European gendarmes to March of this year.

The paper interprets this action on the part of Germany to mean the collapse of the entire Murtzegg programme, and states that it was due to secret treaties already concluded between Austria-Hungary, Germany and Turkey by which Germany obtains long-sought concessions and guarantees the Bagdad railway and Austria gets the Novi-Bazar railroad line and the exclusive right to build a railway in the vilayets of Skuzp and Salonika.

Baron von Bieherstein's announcement, says the Novoe Vremya, has been communicated to the home government, and is expected to be the turning point for a new grouping of the powers in the nearest east.

London, Feb. 13.—The foreign office has been advised by Sir N. E. O'Connor, the British ambassador at Constantinople, that Germany has decided to agree to the Turkish proposals placing the foreign gendarmerie in Macedonia under the control of Turkey. This statement was made by Baron von Bieherstein, the German diplomatic representative, at the last meeting of the foreign ambassadors to Turkey. No confirmation has been received of the report that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey have entered upon secret treaties.

WINNIPEG'S FINANCES

Council Considers Ways and Means of Providing for Immediate Expenses

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—A secret meeting of the city council was held for the purpose of discussing the civic finances and hearing the answers to the city's proposal that the banks should collectively advance \$2,500,000 to pay off the city's overdraft with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and allow sufficient money for current expenditures for the year 1908, or until such time as the city taxes were collected.

Mayor Ashdown further announced that he believed the Bank of Commerce would be willing to carry over the city for the present, or at least until the city had made financial arrangements.

The question as to whether the bonds should be advertised for sale or not was left open and will be decided by the committee. The council is adverse to waiting for the arrangements for the selling of stock to be completed before placing debentures on the market.

Liberals and the Bar.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The Liberal party of this province is considering the advisability of making the banishment of the public bar the big plank in their platform.

MOHAMMEDANS RIOT IN BOMBAY

Quarrelling of Sects Leads to Fatal Collision With Police

FIFTY OF RIOTERS KILLED

The Native Quarter Said to Be Quieted Down at Last Report

Bombay, Feb. 13.—Serious rioting occurred here this evening, during the course of the celebration of the Muharram, the first month of the Mohammedan year, arising from disputes between the Sunnites, or orthodox section, and the Shiaks, the second great division of Mohammedanism.

The police arrested several Sunnites and the mob demanded their release, which demand was refused. The mob thereupon stoned the police, injuring two of them. The police commander and other European officers fired upon the rioters, killing at least fifty and injuring forty, twenty of whom were seriously wounded.

It is believed that others were killed and their bodies removed by relatives, for during the course of the afternoon and evening similar clashes occurred. Eventually the troops were called out and are camping tonight in the streets. The native quarter, however, is abnormally quiet.

MORE CRITICISM

Former Governor Black of New York Makes Attack on Both Roosevelt and Bryan

Boston, Feb. 13.—Former Governor F. S. Black, of New York, and Congressman Henry T. Bannon, of Portsmouth, Ohio, were the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the Home Market Club, a leading high tariff Republican organization held at the Hotel Somerset tonight.

Although former Governor Black did not mention President Roosevelt's name, much of his address was a criticism of the administration, which Mr. Black held as partially responsible for the depression. The former governor, referring to W. J. Bryan indirectly, thought that he and the president were engaged in "rivalry to see who can say the most and worst."

The speaker said that the two great political parties, once so proud and militant, are playthings in the hands of two men whom the intelligence of the country rejects.

WINNIPEGGERS WHO WORKED ON SUNDAY

Many Gathered Up By Police Dragnet Have to Pay Penalties

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—Sixty-five of those reported for breaches of the Lord's Day act, were before the police court today, and in many cases convictions and penalties were imposed.

When the cases were taken up, Mr. Bonnar, for the defence, suggested that the court make arrangements whereby the cases could be quickly disposed of. He recommended that the cases be classified and one of each class be taken up as a test case. Magistrate Daly replied that there was no need of test cases, as the law clearly laid out the definition of breaches of the act.

The cases were taken up as they appeared on the docket. The cases against the Tribune Printing company was dismissed for lack of evidence. The cases of the Free Press and Telegram Printing companies were remanded until February 21.

CARRIED OFF SILVERWARE

Laval Students Play a Doubtful Joke on the Russell Hotel at Ottawa

Ottawa, Feb. 14 (Friday).—The Laval students from Montreal who visited Ottawa yesterday, left on the Grand Trunk railway special at 2:30 this morning, but the train was held up for fifteen minutes by the police and searched for silverware taken by the boys as souvenirs from the Russell Hotel. Over 150 spoons, knives and forks were recovered, and the train then released. The silverware was taken during the course of a banquet given the boys at the Russell during the evening. The Laval boys were the guests of honor of L. P. Brodeur while in Ottawa, and that gentleman explained to the police and hotel men that the affair was only a joke, inasmuch as it was devoid of any criminal intent. Some of the silverware is still missing, but it will be replaced by the students, according to a promise made by the president of the students association.

No Tobacco Agreement.

New York, Feb. 13.—There has never been an agreement between the American Tobacco company and the Imperial Tobacco Co., of England, that competition between them in the open market should cease, according to testimony given today by E. S. Carter, buyer for the Imperial company. Carter appeared as a witness in the government's investigation for the American company, which is being prosecuted before United States Commissioner Shields.

ITALY AND ABYSSINIA

Foreign Minister Tittoni Explains Position in Regard to Raid on Station at Lugh

Rome, Feb. 13.—Foreign Minister Tittoni answered an interrogation in the Chamber of Deputies today regarding the raid some five weeks ago upon Lugh, the furthestmost Italian station in the interior of Italian Somaliland, by 2,000 Abyssinians.

Lugh, he said, had been occupied by Italy in 1895, as the result of a treaty with the Sultan of Lugh. The Sultan, however, at the same time concluded another treaty with King Menelik of Abyssinia, and consequently Menelik always has sustained the pretensions of Lugh.

Lugh, the foreign minister declared, was not included in the possession of Italy. He said that shortly before the raid King Menelik had insisted on the delimitation of the frontier on the ground that this would give Italy definite possession of Lugh and its territory. King Menelik was to receive pecuniary compensation, as he did in 1900, when the frontier of Erythraea was delimited. Italy agreed to negotiate on this basis.

Six Were Killed.

Providence, R.I., Feb. 13.—The unexpected recovery of one victim in the ruins of the starch manufacturing plant of C. S. Stanner on South Water street by searchers tonight, disclosed the fact that six persons were killed in yesterday's explosion. The body recovered tonight was that of Albert C. Keiner.

Shot Himself.

New York, Feb. 13.—L. C. Brewer, a salesman, put a bullet in his brain today in the wholesale shoe store of A. K. Bates and Co., in Duane street, after trying to kill A. G. Burnell, manager of the store, and firing a bullet into the floor to emphasize his threat. Brewer fell dead. According to statements made by one of the firm, he had been employed by the firm as a salesman, but was discharged a few weeks ago. He was 35 years old.

EXCITING DEBATE ON JAPAN'S BUDGET

Speakers For and Against Come Near Indulging in "Rough House"

Tokio, Feb. 13.—After an exciting debate, lasting six hours, which developed almost a riot on the floor of the house of representatives, the financial budget was passed by a majority of 102.

Speakers on both sides occupied a long time, and towards the last they howled at the chair and charged favoritism, the opposing members demanding an apology. The chair suspended the session for half an hour, and upon resumption the chair apologized to the opposition.

Impressive speeches were made during the debate, all making a point of the feature that more than one-half of the budget was expended in armaments. It was also urged that the financial measures of the government did not make provision to prevent an outflow of gold, while the balance of trade had a tendency against Japan, fear being expressed that the basis of the gold reserve might be endangered.

Upon the side of the ministry the speaker eloquently argued that it was both unwise and dangerous to publicly discuss the nation's finances from a pessimistic standpoint, thereby creating unnecessary alarm abroad. He called attention to the natural resources of Japan, which were only awaiting development.

PITIFUL EXPOSURE

Letters Written by Minister's Wife to Millionaire Snell Are Read in Court

Clinton, Ill., Feb. 13.—When the trial of the two million dollar suit instituted by Richard Snell to break the will of his father, Col. Thomas Snell, was resumed today more love letters written the aged millionaire were introduced in evidence.

The letters were read to the grand jury and the spectators crowded around, craning their necks to catch every word. It is said the purpose of reading the letters is to show that Colonel Snell was insane about women. Most of the letters read today are signed simply "Your own little girl." The others are not signed. They are admitted in evidence as having been written by Mrs. Laura Hamilton, wife of the Rev. E. A. Hamilton, who was pastor of the Methodist church at Newman, Ill. Mrs. Hamilton is a daughter of Philip Wolfe of Clinton, a retired business man of means. The letters express the ardent love of the writer for the aged millionaire, and invariably couple the protestation of affection with the request for money.

Soon after the beginning of the trial the connection of Rev. Hamilton and his wife with the case became public, and Rev. Hamilton resigned his pastorate at Newman. Immediately the couple went away. While their destination is not known, it is believed they went to Florida. It is rumored that Mrs. Hamilton has suffered from nervous prostration because of the exposure of the letters. Judge Cochran, who is hearing the case, and who is an ordained Methodist minister and a life-long friend of Rev. Hamilton, sat with averted face as the letters were read to the jury.

Destruction by Fire.

Williamstown, V. Va., Feb. 13.—The entire business section of this place was threatened with destruction today from a fire that started in the Moose hotel. Besides the Moose hotel, the Williamstown bank building and five residences were destroyed. Loss \$70,000. This is the fourth serious fire here within five years. The cause of the fire is unknown.

REVELATIONS NOT WELCOME

Ottawa Government Has Many Things to Keep Concealed

PROTEST OF OPPOSITION

Endeavor to Secure Appeal From Committee to House Defeated

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—So far as public business is concerned this has not been a day of much progress in the House of Commons.

After Sir Wilfrid Laurier had made an announcement in regard to the legislation promised in the speech from the throne, Mr. Crockett brought the activity of Hon. Mr. Pugsley in the present New Brunswick election campaign to the attention of the house. Mr. Pugsley was, he alleged, endeavoring by the power of federal patronage to win the province for the government. This was a most unseemly spectacle. Mr. Sears, for instance, had been induced to run in St. John on the understanding that he would get the postmastership of that city.

In reply Mr. Lemieux stated that it was the first that he had heard of such a promise.

Mr. Crockett retorted that Mr. Lemieux could well leave those promises to Mr. Pugsley.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier accused Mr. Crockett of going very far afield. So far as the postmastership of St. John was concerned he could assure the house that he knew of no such offer having been made.

Mr. Daniel said it was quite possible that the premier did not know anything about the offer having been made. Mayor Sears made no secret of it.

Mr. Foster declared it was the policy of the premier to interfere in provincial elections. He had done it recently in British Columbia, and he was doing it today in New Brunswick. Mr. Blain complained that the Liberal members of the public accounts committee were obstructing the work of the committee. He moved an amendment that any decision of the committee in regard to the exclusion of evidence should be subject to appeal to the house. Speaking to his motion, Mr. Blain declared that the rights of the minority had been trampled upon. The government was extravagant, and was protecting a lot of middlemen, who made excessive profits. Sir Wilfrid said he could not adopt Mr. Blain's motion. Mr. Borden complained that if the premier denied the right of the minority to come to the house when voted down in committee and make its grievance known it was taking away a usage which was in the interests of the public.

When Mr. Bennett was speaking Mr. McLean, of Lunenburg, took the point of order that he was out of order, the matter to which he was at the moment referring to not having been reported to the house. Matters began to get warm, but finally it was discovered that a report had been made. Mr. McLean refused to apologize.

Mr. Bennett stated that in his legal experience of 25 years he had never seen so much perjury as before the public accounts committee. It had become a travesty to the witness on oath. Mr. Bennett declared the government was hanging on to the skirts of the hungry outfit, which had been driven out of Ontario politics by the Whitney administration.

Messrs. German and Lavergne continued the debate on the Liberal side. The latter announced that he could not vote for Mr. Blain's amendment, though he believed the witnesses should answer all the questions put to them. Mr. German also thought this. Mr. Sproule followed, and after him came Mr. Foster with a hot argument with Mr. Fielding in reference to the contested election of the latter. Mr. Fielding becoming very angry.

The division was taken at 12:30 a. m., the vote standing 104 to 49, a government majority of 54.

Mr. Oliver has given notice of a resolution granting two adjoining quarter sections of Dominion lands to all South African volunteers domiciled in the Northwest and the Yukon. The Hamilton Radical bill passed the Commons Railway committee today, after nine days of discussion.

Before the Public Accounts committee today, E. A. Walber, of Montreal, declared that he made a profit of \$4,500 in the sale of cranes for the Intercolonial railway at Laval.

The first crop of bills passed this session received assent in the senate yesterday, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, deputy to the governor-general, attending. The measures assented to include the grain seed bill and bills respecting the Manitoba & Northwestern railway of Canada, the B. C. Southern railway and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway.

Senator McMullen, in committee on his bill to increase the penalty for selling liquor to railroad men on duty, to meet the objections raised when the bill was up, said he would demand it by making the man who sells the liquor pay a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, or to imprisonment for not less than three or not more than twelve months. Senators Power, Bowell, Cloran, Douglas, Perley, Watson and Scott opposed the bill, because it was too drastic. The motion of Senator Watson that the committee rise was carried by 24 to 13, which practically kills the bill.

Sir James Knowles Dead.

London, Feb. 13.—Sir James Knowles, founder and proprietor of the Nineteenth Century, died today. He was born in 1831.

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McPHILLIPS' BILL IN COMMITTEE

Measure Providing For Safe-guarding Factory Employ-ees Under Consideration

RAILWAY BILL REPORTED

Preamble To Bill Incorporating Vancouver & Nicola Valley Ry. Passes Committee

The legislature was occupied yesterday with the consideration in committee of the bill entitled the Factories Employees Protection Act.

A considerable amount of routine business was transacted, and in spite of the fact that there were numerous debates upon technicalities, the various clauses of the bill were passed in rapid order.

The bill will probably be reported tomorrow and given its third reading. Several amendments will be brought in. J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) has given notice of his intention to move that the working hours of laundries shall be from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., and some little debate upon this and other proposals is expected.

Little of interest is expected in the legislature until the budget is brought down, which it now appears will be improbable before Monday, February 17th.

The speaker took the chair at 2:30 o'clock.

Prayers by Rev. George Kinney.

First Readings

On motion of Mr. Davey (Victoria) the bill to amend the Municipal Clauses act was read the first time.

Coal Regulations Act

On Mr. Hawthornthwaite's motion re Coal Mines Regulation act being reached on the order paper, Hon. Mr. McBride: I would like if the house consents to have this matter set down for Monday next.

The motion was allowed to stand over.

Factory Act in Committee

The house went into committee on Mr. McPhillips' bill for the protection of persons employed in factories.

On sub-section 1 of section 2, Mr. Brewster (Alberni) inquired whether the rather elaborate wording of this clause could be made to include fish and salmon canneries, for it related to the preparation of any substance, and surely salmon was a substance. He wished to know whether this language could be so construed as to mean salmon canneries. He did not think that this was the intention.

Mr. McPhillips: If the hon. gentleman thinks that it will cover canneries let him move an amendment. But I do not think that it does cover canneries. In fact I am quite satisfied that it does not in a reasonable construction of the act.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, Mr. McPhillips: If an appeal is made to myself, such a wide construction, as is advanced, is not the construction which in a court of law would be placed upon it. When the committee learns that in following this wording we are acting in accordance with excellent precedents, furnished by similar legislation elsewhere, what are you going to do? Evolve an act which is not founded upon precedent at all? Or shall we refer to the best authorities on the subject and found our act upon them?

Mr. Oliver maintained that the phrasing was so wide that anything and everything could be included.

Mr. McPhillips: Well, then, move an amendment. I have most carefully framed the act, and have followed the best precedents. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Oliver: Don't get excited! As it stands, it includes every industry in British Columbia.

Wants Canneries Exempt.

Mr. Brewster: In order to make it clear, I beg to move that after the word "place" the words "not including salmon canneries," shall be added.

The methods employed in running canneries in British Columbia, he continued, differ entirely from those which prevail in any other industry. The salmon harvest is very short, sometimes lasting only a week. It is a spasmodic industry; and as the hours of labor are limited in another part of the bill, if these were strictly enforced, and as I presume that the act includes Indians, it would simply render it impossible for any canning company to put up its pack. This work is done in spurts, and if the people engaged in it are tied down to eight or nine hours a day, the companies would be put out of business altogether. Moreover, the labor which is principally employed in this industry is Indian. These people do not attend schools, and it would be a hardship on them, as well as on the companies, if this act were applied to them.

Inspection would, however be welcomed.

Speaks For the Indians.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo): I oppose this amendment. It is the old story in relation to the employment of women and children. And then, we are further told that these are only Indians. Why, these are the most helpless of all people! And that is the very reason why they should be protected! (Hear, hear.) It simply amounts to this, that the Liberal members on this side of the house are doing what they should not do—engaged in doing—trying to destroy the object of this act. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Hayward (Cowichan): I would like to ask whether these Indian women have asked for protection.

Mr. McPhillips: That is purely one of the stock arguments that is so often advanced against this kind of legislation. The question is asked, have you petitions from women and children asking for protection in this manner? When it is the plain and bounden duty of parliament to find out the conditions in which people live and work. (Hear, hear.) We will know the intimidation that is exercised over men employees, and from this fact we can easily form an idea in regard to the extent of the intimidation that can and undoubtedly often is, exerted over women employees. It has ever been the duty of parliament to search out these wrongs that are perpetuated, and to remedy them. (Hear, hear, and applause.) And, hence I hold that there is no force whatever in the quasi-argument of my hon. friend, and we ought to do our duty, wholly independent of such considerations.

Mr. Oliver Resents.

Mr. Oliver somewhat warmly resented the remarks of the member for Nanaimo, in respect to the hostility shown by Liberal members to this legislation. It was a gross slander.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—"In a matter of this sort, Mr. Chairman, it is absolutely impossible to slander the Liberal members of this house (Laughter). They are simply merciless when it comes to the employment of women and children. This is in accordance with their general policy on this subject (Hear, hear)." Mr. Brewster—"The effect of the act, in respect to these women and children, would be rather a hardship than a benefit."

Mr. McPhillips—"I would advise the hon. members for Alberni to let sleeping dogs lie." I, for my part, do not think for a moment that it includes salmon canneries, but at the same time if these are singled out in the act as an exception, it may prove very difficult to keep its provisions from being applied to them. Although, speaking for myself I do not think that they should apply; and further speaking for myself, I do not think that they do apply."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—"I propose to move an amendment later on in order to have this matter settled, and made perfectly clear. It is extremely touching to observe the keen anxiety shown by the hon. members for Alberni for these poor Indians in his fear, lest they should not be able to make enough a day; and be in consequence, enabled to live in idleness for the rest of the year (Hear, hear). The fact, however, is that his apprehensions lie in directly the opposite direction. The hon. member does not really care a continental about them. The only desire of these companies is to obtain the utmost possible surplus out of their labors, and they would work them for 25 hours in the day were this possible. (Hear, hear.)"

Mr. Brewster—"I beg leave to withdraw the amendment."

Leave was granted.

Employment of Young Girls.

Mr. McPhillips proposed to change the word "fourteen" to "fifteen" in subsection E. of clause 3, defining the exact meaning in this act of the expression "young girl" in order to make it conform with the preceding sub-section (d), where the word "child," as used in this act, is made to mean a girl under the age of 15.

And further observed in regard to the general intention of the bill, that it was in the main, intended to deal with the protection of life and limb, as well as of children and women, and besides making proper and full provision for sanitary regulations. (Hear, hear.)

On clause 4: No child or children shall be employed in any factory.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: I beg to move that sub-section (a) of section three be struck out, as there is no earthly reason why children shall be employed in these places. (Hear, hear.)

Sub-section (a) is as follows: (a) A factory in which the provisions of this section are not complied with by the employer shall be deemed to be kept unlawfully so that the health of any child therein employed is likely to be permanently injured, and such employer shall, because thereof, be deemed to be guilty of a contravention of the provisions of this act.

This sub-section was allowed to stand over.

Section 5 makes the following provision:

The lieutenant-governor may from time to time by order in council, notice of which shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette, prohibit the employment of girls under the age of eighteen years and of boys under the age of sixteen years in factories, the work in which is deemed by the lieutenant-governor in council to be dangerous or unwholesome.

In Case of Fire

On clause 34, which provides that in all factories over two stories in height, a wire or other rope, not less than three-quarters of an inch in thickness must be provided in rooms above the ground floor.

Mr. Williams (Newcastle) observed that one-quarter inch wire rope would be ample, in point of strength, as well as much more suitable in the circumstances.

This matter will receive further consideration.

Hours of Employment

Section 11 in sub-sections (a) and (b) makes the following provision:

(a) It shall not be lawful for a young girl or woman to be employed for more than eight hours in one day, nor more than forty-eight hours in any one week, unless a different apportionment of hours of labor per day has been made for the sole purpose of giving a shorter day's work on Saturday.

(b) In every factory the employer shall allow every young girl and woman therein employed not less than one hour at noon of each day for meals, but such hour shall not be counted as part of the time herein limited with respect to the employment of young girls and women.

And where exemption from this regulation is permitted by the inspector, such exemption is safeguarded in the following manner, in section 13:

No woman or young girl shall be employed before the hour of 7 o'clock in the morning nor after 8 o'clock in the evening; and

The hours of labor for women and young girls shall not be more than nine in any one day, nor more than fifty-four in any one week; and

Such exemption shall not comprise more than thirty-six days, in the whole, in any twelve months and in which the period of thirty-six days every day in which any young girl or woman has been employed overtime shall be taken into account.

Relating to Laundries.

On section 40, the relation of the act to laundries was considered.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: A deputation of laundries has been lobbying here, with the view of having this act made inoperative as far as women and children being employed only eight hours in the day in these places is concerned, and has pointed out that owing to the severe competition to which they are subjected through the existence of Chinese laundries throughout the province, it is already rather difficult for them to carry on their business; while, if this act is strictly enforced, these difficulties will be somewhat and considerably increased. Now, the Chinese work from nine to twelve hours a day, and, indeed, almost continuously, and these excessive hours of labor, combined with their very low cost of living, certainly render it very difficult for the white laundries to compete. And it has been suggested by myself that we might in some measure protect these people if we prohibit Chinese who are employed in laundries in cities, where steam and mechanical power

are used, from working over nine or ten hours a day. Such a provision as this, it seems to me, would prove a considerable factor in alleviating the situation in question, and the committee might well sympathize with the white laundries to that extent.

As a matter of fact, every just reason exists why these Chinese laundries should be brought under the operation of this act. They are conducted in the most unhealthful manner, and people who send their washing to these places are running untold risks which they should not be allowed to incur. And, generally speaking, these Chinese laundries are an absolute disgrace to the province of British Columbia. We should, in addition to all this, in my opinion, bring these laundries under the control of the inspector who is eventually to be appointed under the provisions of this act. (Hear, hear.)

This clause was allowed to stand over for further consideration.

Women Inspectors.

Under section 41, the lieutenant-governor in council is empowered to appoint women inspectors. On sec. 49, providing for a fine not exceeding \$50, in case, within 90 days after the appointment of the inspector, full information concerning these factories is not supplied.

Mr. Oliver objected to notice of the appointment being merely given in the official Gazette, and further to \$50, as an excessive mulct in the circumstances. Five dollars were sufficient.

Mr. McPhillips—"We pass laws every session of this description. And the very principle of laws is that ignorance of it, and of its application furnishes no excuse. (Hear, hear.)"

I do not know that we are compelled to do anything more than this. Shall we publish it in all the newspapers of the province? As to the appointment, this is the crux of the whole statute, for the moment that the inspector is appointed, the act becomes operative. And if it is to become effective at all, we must necessarily make it sufficiently rigorous, and compel these proprietors and managers of companies to pay proper attention to its most salutary provisions. (Hear, hear.) Why, if the fine were only \$5, many would pay such a small sum rather than go to the trouble of so notifying the inspector. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Oliver—"There are many people in this province to whom \$5 is a considerable amount."

Mr. McPhillips—"Schedule A, of sec. 2, is the controlling definition of the act, and its provisions do not and cannot effect any factories, which do not come within these prescriptions."

I naturally do not wish to see the act made ineffective, and I submit that my hon. friend's suggestion would make it so. If, however, he will put his suggested amendments along with Mr. Hawthornthwaite's on the order paper they will at a later stage receive due consideration in committee.

The clause was passed, subject to amendment at a future time.

Questions Power to Pass.

Subsection A, of clause 2, runs as follows:

(a) Any building, workshop, structure or premises of the description mentioned in schedule A to this act, in which five or more persons are employed, together with such other building, structure or premises as the lieutenant-governor in council from time to time adds to the said schedule;

On clause 64, in the department of the bill which concerns penalties and prosecutions, Mr. Henderson (Yale) raised the point of order, under No. 43 of the rules of the house, that the bill had not been properly introduced. As it affected matters of trade, it should have been submitted by message from his honor the lieutenant-governor.

Mr. McPhillips most seriously questioned the relevancy of the objection.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: We most certainly have the power to pass such regulations. This is quite clear from the very fact that other provinces have passed similar acts. In the proper sense of the words, this measure has no relation whatever with matters of trade and commerce. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. McPhillips: Undoubtedly we have no jurisdiction in respect to questions directly affecting trade and commerce, but I cannot see any ground whatever for the objection that has been raised by the member for Yale. (Hear, hear.)

Speaker Is Summoned.

After some further consideration the speaker was summoned, and the question was submitted to him for his ruling.

Mr. McPhillips: The point is raised, sir, that as this bill deals with matters connected with trade and commerce, it should have been introduced by message, and passed in the usual way through the committee of the whole house.

Mr. Henderson called attention to the fact that the point was raised under Rule 43.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: It is simply an effort, sir, to destroy the bill, as we have clearly nothing to do with matters affecting trade and commerce. Mr. Henderson should have been brought in by message.

Mr. McPhillips—I do not believe that the hon. gentleman can be at all serious in the objection which he has taken and its only effect, if it should succeed, will be to retard the passage of this most useful and most necessary measure. (Hear, hear.) It is true that factually the bill is introduced in a manner which is not in accordance with the rules, but until the things are actually produced they cannot be reasonably considered to come within the definition of a subject of trade. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Eberts—"Of course we cannot deal here with matters connected with trade and commerce as far as the bill is concerned, as it is not a trade bill, but it does not necessarily follow that this bill is quite within the competency of this house that it should be recommended by a committee of the whole house."

Mr. Henderson: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Higgins, when rule 42 was invoked in respect to a bill affecting the hours of labor on public works, ruled that it did not apply. I have not yet had the opportunity of studying this bill, but as I understand it it is a measure which only deals with matters as it were of mere police protection in the narrow way in which protection is given to persons who are employed in coal mines, and as for instance fire escapes are ordered through legislation to be placed upon every house of a certain height. The general nature of the act, I presume, to afford protection to certain classes in the community and to provide much needed protection for those people who are employed in factories in this province.

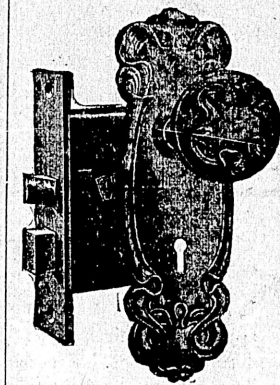
I will give my decision on the point, which has been raised by the hon. member, on the assembling of the house tomorrow afternoon.

Liberals Are Jealous.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—"This rule 43 is like the rule 15, which was raised in my case—no good. (Some laughter.) The shops regulation act is precisely similar to this bill in its scope, and it has been introduced and passed through the house in the usual way. The fact is that the members on this side of the house should assist and not impede, the passage of an important measure through this legislature. (Hear, hear.)"

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No Extension.

Hon. Mr. Fulton informed Dr. Kergin, Skeena, that no extension of time has been granted the Bella Coola Development company since that granted March 7, 1907.

Westminster Bridge.

In reply to Mr. Oliver Hon. Mr. McBride said:

When the legislature approved the grant for the construction of the Westminster bridge it was understood that there should be tolls collected from travelers, vehicles, etc. On the opening of the bridge a schedule of rates was adopted and enforced. Since then reductions have been made in the schedule. The government hopes from time to time to be able to make further reductions.

Rossland and Phoenix.

Mr. McInnis asked the minister of finance the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to make provisions for the granting to the city of Phoenix of a portion of the mineral tax collected from the mines within the corporate limits of this city of Phoenix?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows: The government does not propose to grant to any municipality any portion of the mineral tax collected from mines situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the municipality, but a claim having been made by the cities of Rossland and Phoenix for a grant to cover the equivalent of the royalty tax which these municipalities might have collected upon the assessed values of the surface rights and improvements of these mines within such municipalities, were such municipalities not prohibited by the statute from taxing such surface rights and improvements, the government, taking into consideration the peculiar situation of the mines in relation to these municipalities,

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The above resolution was unanimously passed at the regular monthly meeting of the board of trade held yesterday afternoon in the board room when there was a large attendance of members, all of whom were emphatic in their opinion that with the contemplated improvements to be made to the city's water supply the continuance of the increased rates would be a hardship and wholly unwarranted.

Committee Reports

The subject of fire insurance rates was introduced by the reading of a report prepared by the special committee appointed to investigate and report to the board. The report, which was unanimously adopted was as follows:

February 12, 1908.

Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to consider the question of fire insurance premiums, especially with reference to the extra premium of 30 per cent which has been applied by the insurance companies on all risks within certain areas, begs to report as follows:

Your committee has obtained evidence in regard to the average fire losses within the city—the fire protection at present provided, the improvements in fire protection which are desirable, and the saving in insurance which will result from the provision of additional fire protection.

The committee finds the following facts: That the fire losses within the city limits during the last 21 years average \$34,598, and during the last nine years, \$45,800.

That within the last two years the fire department has been put on a fully paid basis, but that there has been no material addition to the plant during the last eight years.

That there is not sufficient water available in the mains to cope with a serious conflagration; that the distribution is faulty and that there are not sufficient hydrants.

That the assessed value of improvements within the fire limits is \$2,800,000, and the assessed value of improvements outside the fire limits, \$5,426,850, a total assessed value of improvements, subject to fire risks within the city limits, of \$8,226,850, to which should be added value of contents making a total value subject to fire risks of over \$12,000,000.

Some Data Lacking

Your committee has endeavored to obtain from the insurance companies the total amount of premiums to which the extra premium of 30 per cent has been applied, but so far these figures have not been received and many of the agents seem strangely reluctant to endeavor to place this useful information at the disposal of your committee.

On the evidence before them your committee beg to submit the following conclusions: That the fire insurance business of Victoria has been profitable to the insurance companies during the last 21 years.

That there is, however, a deficiency in fire protection which might lead to a serious conflagration.

That if necessary improvements are made the gain to the citizen by reduced fire risks and premiums should exceed \$30,000 per annum, a sum equivalent to the interest on a loan of over \$600,000.

That it is in the interest of the city as a whole to provide the most efficient fire protection practicable.

That in the opinion of the committee a high pressure system, based on a duplicate source of power, extending to Humboldt street on the one side, and to the area covered by saw mills on the other, is the one which will give the best fire protection, which, if adapted by the city, should result in a reduction of fire risks fully warranting the probable cost of installation.

Committee's Conclusions

T. W. Paterson, in discussing the report, stated that a great deal of time had been spent on the subject, and the reports of Arthur L. Adams, the city's water expert, and Robert Howe, municipal engineer of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, had been examined, and the committee concurred with the conclusions arrived at in these reports. It had been decided that the only adequate system was a high pressure one, as it was not thought that a gravity system itself would give the necessary fire protection. While a reservoir, if kept full, would afford sufficient supply to cope with any ordinary fire yet, if there was no objection to connecting the gravity system with a salt water system, then in case of the failure of the one the other would be ready for instant use. Mr. Paterson claimed that the increase in insurance rates was not justified, as the fire risk in Victoria today is less than it was two years ago as many buildings which constituted a menace from the standpoint of fire have been removed, and the district burned out last July, which had always been a serious menace, was now no longer a point of danger.

Ald. F. A. Pauline, president of the board, pointed out that the committee had been appointed to consider the question of the extra thirty per cent. increase, but in its finding it had not expressed itself on that point. It was evident from the facts secured by the committee that the fire insurance companies had done a most profitable business in Victoria during the past twenty years, and that there did not seem to be any apparent justification for the increase in the rates. If that increase had been levied as a spur or incentive to make the city improve the fire fighting system and water supply, it should now be removed, since the city was now doing everything possible in that direction.

Unfair Increase in Rates

C. F. Todd considered that the insurance companies were in a position to dictate to those doing business with them, but it seemed unfair that the rates should have been increased nearly

fifty per cent., and then a comparatively short time afterwards an additional thirty per cent. advance should be made in the downtown section of the city. It looked as if the companies had anticipated the improvements to the water supply, and would take off the thirty per cent. advance and still retain the first advance of fifty per cent. The companies had a monopoly of the business, as owners could not as a rule take their own risks, but he thought a very strong case should be made against the continuance of the thirty per cent. increase, and that when the city's water supply had been improved as contemplated this should be taken into account in the readjustment of rates. The city was considering the installation of a salt water system for fire fighting purposes, but Todd considered it would be only wise before such a system was installed, to come to an understanding with the companies as to what reduction would be made should these improvements be put in. There was an objection to the use of salt water, in that it would injure stocks, and the fire insurance board would doubtless take the position that what would be saved by extra appliances would be lost on the stocks.

Ald. Pauline said it was understood that salt water would be only used in cases of serious conflagrations.

It was pointed out that Mr. Howe, in his report, had stated that it did not matter what water was used so long as there was lots of it, but with a reservoir of the capacity of 15,000,000 gallons, there would be sufficient for all ordinary fires.

Warning to the City

Ald. Hall stated that it was distinctly distasteful to the local agents to have the rates increased, but the increase had been made on a scientific basis. The companies were apprehensive of a general conflagration, after their experience of the last two big fires here, and the raise in the rates had been a warning to the city to improve its system. The history of life insurance showed that the city made the necessary improvements to its fire fighting system until forced to do so. The salt water system was no new one, and many of the large cities in the south were spending millions to install such supplementary systems. Such a system was urgently required here as to Goldstream or Sooke lakes would require several years. Mr. Howe was a man of reputation in his profession, and he had advocated the salt water system.

The plan before the city council was not as extensive as that proposed by Mr. Howe. It would cost about \$55,000, whereas Mr. Howe's plan would call for an outlay of about \$250,000. Mr. Howe stated that he had forwarded the plans of the system as the city proposed to install, to the head office of his companies, to ascertain their opinion of its effectiveness and what the probable result would be in the matter of rates, should such a system be installed, and as soon as he received a reply he would submit it to the board of trade. The sooner the reduction was made the better pleased would be the local fire insurance agents. The advance in rates, not only in Victoria, but all over the continent, had been the result of the experience of the companies in the last few years. There was a certain base rate applicable to all sections, and this was added to or reduced according to circumstances.

Salt Water Systems, Elsewhere

C. H. Lugin called attention to a recent statement made by the New York state supervisor of insurance to the effect that several cities in the British dominions were considering the installation of just such salt water systems.

Col. E. G. Prior advocated having two strings to the bow. When the Smith's Hill reservoir was erected it might answer the purpose but circumstances might arise when that source could not be used and he thought it was well worth the money to have a second system such as a salt water one. At present the insurance rates were exorbitant.

Simon Leiser pointed out that there would be no reduction in the rates till such time as the improved system was installed. The board's committee considered that a salt water system would result in such a decrease it should be remembered that people who insured rarely did so to the full value and in case of a big fire the loss would be very heavy. That phase of the question had to be considered even more carefully than the mere reduction in rates. He was greatly in favor of the idea of a salt water system.

The question, by Mr. Todd, was asked that Mr. Howe's estimate of \$250,000 provided for the putting in of 20-inch pipes, while under the plan of the city council 12, 8 and 6-inch pipes would be used. What the city wanted to obtain was what was called the standard delivery, fourteen streams at once with a pressure at the pumps of 100 pounds and 80 pounds at the nozzle, with a duplicate system of pumps each of 4,000,000 gallons capacity.

Question of Power Supply

In answer to a question, Ald. Pauline stated that the plan the city proposed to install would be supplied by power from the B. C. Electric company as the city's electrical plant could not furnish sufficient power. A separate wire would be run into the plant and every precaution taken to see that the source of power would not be disturbed.

Ald. Hall stated that the city had not yet approached the insurance companies to ascertain whether, on the installation of the proposed plant, a reduction in rates would result. If the scheme as outlined by Robert Howe were adopted no doubt a reduction would be made, but whether the companies would reduce their rates with the smaller plant to be installed by the city he was unable to say. The views of the underwriters would have to be obtained on this point.

Mr. Todd considered it unwise that when the companies had sent out Mr. Howe to report the city should start installing a plant at one-quarter of the cost of that proposed by Mr. Howe, and then be asked to pay the full cost of the city's pipes, under the scheme of the city the pipes would be laid on the paved streets. Ald. Hall said that was so but they would be within easy reach of buildings on such thoroughfares.

Mr. Lugin thought that the first effect of the installation of the system would be a reduction in rates but the great effect would be the saving in fire losses, and Mr. Leiser declared that what was wanted was protection for the city, not for the benefit of the insurance companies, but for the residents. On motion of Col. Prior, seconded by T. W. Paterson, the report was adopted and Mr. Todd's resolution was passed.

Urge Mill Bay Road

Mr. Todd reported that the committee of the board had waited upon the provincial executive and the city members and strongly recommended the construction of the Mill Bay road

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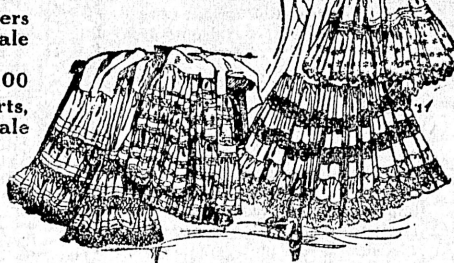
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Victoria County Boundaries

A. P. Luxton explained the need of an extension of the Victoria county boundaries. This was a matter which had come before the council of the board last year and in view of the increasing trade between Victoria and the west coast and adjoining communities it is in the interests of the city to have the boundaries enlarged. At the present time Victoria county lies south of a line from the head of Saanich inlet, running due west to the west coast. The rest of the island is in the county of Nanaimo. He thought that the county of Victoria should be enlarged to include all of the island as far up as Chemainus and all the west coast as far north as Alberni.

This would leave Nanaimo, Sayward and Comox in the county of Nanaimo, practically giving the south half of the island to Victoria. Last year a deputation from the board had waited upon the provincial government, but it was then too late in the session and the government had stated that it would do what it could to forward the matter.

Would Enlarge City's Trade

Mr. Luxton stated that anything that would enlarge the trade of the city was a matter of great importance. At present it took much time to ascertain the standing of merchants, say on the west coast, and it was necessary to go to Nanaimo for information. Again, supposing a judgment were obtained against a man residing in Nanaimo county, great delay was occasioned in getting a writ of execution and levy under it, while in cases where a default in trade between Victoria and the west coast of the island and between Victoria and the adjoining districts, it is of the utmost importance that the county of Victoria should be enlarged in accordance with the suggestions made by the council of last year's board and already submitted to the attorney-general and to the members for Victoria.

Esquimalt Drydock

In connection with the new drydock at Esquimalt, which the board has been advocating, communications were read from Hon. William Templeman, Ralph Smith, M. P., and Hon. William Pughley, minister of public works, stating that the board's wishes in this matter have been duly noted and the matter would be taken up as early a date as possible. The present committee is looking after the matter will continue to act.

Unfair to Canadian Builders

The desire of the board that the patrol fishery cruiser which the federal government proposes to place in British Columbia waters should be constructed in Canada, was again emphasized when a letter received from Hon. William Templeman, in answer to a communication sent to him by the board, was considered. The board is urging that the cruiser should be built in Canada, and it is claimed that it is most unfair that old country firms should be allowed to construct the cruiser and send her to Canadian waters without having to pay one cent of duty, while Canadian builders are forced to pay heavy duty on much of the material. It was in answer to a strongly worded letter from

the board that Hon. Mr. Templeman wrote as follows:

"With reference to the construction of a fishery patrol cruiser for the Pacific coast, about which you wrote to me on January 13, I beg to say that the minister of marine and fisheries informs me that he has come to the conclusion that the fairest and best way will be to call for public tenders. He points out that in thus calling for tenders it will be stipulated that the ship is to be delivered in British Columbia waters."

Ald. Pauline pointed out that Hon. Mr. Templeman did not state whether the tenders were open only to Canadian firms or to the world.

Inconsistent Attitude

Mr. Todd thought the stand taken by the government was a most inconsistent one. In the case of some industries the government sees fit to protect the Canadian manufacturer. But in this case the government proposes to bring in a boat built outside of Canada and thus cause competition with the Canadian builder. He thought a strongly worded telegram should be sent to Hon. Mr. Templeman urging that the latter's reply to the board's previous communication was not at all satisfactory. This will be done.

Pilotage Fees

In answer to a question by D. R. Ker, President Pauline stated that the pilotage question was still in the hands of the committee appointed to consider it. It had not been possible to hold another meeting with the commissioners and not much progress had been made, but the matter would be followed up as speedily as possible.

Those present at the meeting were: Ald. F. A. Pauline, Simon Leiser, E. Knight, A. W. McCurdy, Ald. R. Hall, J. G. Cox, Col. E. G. Prior, A. P. Luxton, H. F. Bullen, W. Walker, C. J. V. Spratt, T. W. Paterson, C. H. Lugin, W. J. Pendray, C. F. Todd, Joseph Pelron, J. Andrews, D. R. Ker, James Foreman, R. B. McMicking and H. E. Newton.

SEEING THINGS

Imaginative Persons Now Send Mutilations of War to East Indian Revolutionists

New York, Feb. 13.—Information that important preparations for a revolt against British rule in India are being made in New York and Philadelphia, and that arms, field pieces and ammunition have been shipped secretly to revolutionists in India has reached the British government. In addition, it is said that many bombs have been sent to India for the purpose of blowing up government buildings.

Following clues picked up in Calcutta, the chief of police of that far eastern city arrived here recently in search for the headquarters of certain revolutionists. He laid certain facts before Commissioner Bingham and the secret service men in the hope of discovering the Americans who are aiding the revolutionary movement.

The federal authorities are seeking definite information on which to cause the arrest of persons who have been shipping arms and ammunition.

Fire's Victims Buried

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The funeral of Mrs. Lawrence Hacke and her six children, who were burned to death in New Liskeard last Sunday, took place yesterday at the Necropolis cemetery. The two little boys occupied one coffin, the three little girls another, and the mother and baby the third.

Inspection of Gas Meters

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—A deputation from the Canadian Electrical and Gas association yesterday asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Minister Templeman for a reduction in the fees for meter inspection. Owing to the tremendous increase of meters, it was urged that the revenue is in excess of expenditure, and that there should be a reduction. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the government intended making certain improvements in the inspection service. When these were carried out any surplus of funds would be applied to the reduction of meter fees.

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Memorial Tablets

Pekin, Feb. 13.—Six bronze tablets from the Rock Island arsenal, Illinois, were today placed on the monuments at Tianjin in memory of the American soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the Boxer outbreak of 1900.

Steamship Service

St. John, N. B., Feb. 12.—It is announced here that within a month the new service between St. John, Boston and Havana will be started. The service will be monthly at the start and one steamer will do the work for awhile.

Standard Oil Suit

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.—When a recess was taken this evening until tomorrow morning of the hearing for the taking of testimony in connection with the action brought by the United States government to dissolve the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, former State Senator Geo. Dean, of Cheshire, was on the stand. His testimony was to the effect that he secured a contract with the Standard Oil, and after buying oil was refunded the difference between the open and the contract price. The attorneys for both the government and the Standard Oil Company hope to conclude the hearing here as quickly as possible, as similar testimony is scheduled to be taken at Washington on February 24.

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Toronto Telegram Sued

Toronto, Feb. 13.—D. J. Vandusen, proprietor of an employment agency, is suing J. Ross Robertson, J. C. Boylan and C. O. Knowles, proprietor, reporter and editor, respectively, of the Toronto Telegram, for \$5,000 damages for conspiracy to injure his business.

Husband and Wife Dead

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Rodolphe Robitoux of St. Jovite, who, with his wife, became lost last week in a snowstorm and was exposed to storm and cold for two days and nights, is dead. Mrs. Robitoux died on Monday. J. Robitoux was 76 years old and his wife 46.

Funds for Missions Short

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Rev. Dr. McLaren, secretary for home missions of the Presbyterian church, says that only \$95,000 of the \$180,000 required had been collected up to Saturday last, leaving the sum of \$85,000 to be collected in the remaining three weeks' time.

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FIRE PROTECTION

As we understand the matter of supplementary fire protection it stands in this way. The representative of the fire underwriters is satisfied that there cannot be adequate pressure for fire purposes from any source of supply other than the Goldstream watershed, unless a high-pressure pumping system is installed. Mr. Howe, who represented the underwriters, suggested a high-pressure system, which might perhaps cost as much as a quarter of a million dollars, and if this were provided he said that the insurance rates would be reduced. The city council is contemplating the installation of a high-pressure system, which, may not cost even half as much as Mr. Howe's plan, but there is at present no guarantee that the insurance companies would be influenced by it to reduce the rates. The following seem to be the questions to be decided.

Is it necessary to have a high-pressure system?

Is it desirable to instal such a system, even if there is no reduction in insurance rates?

Is it necessary to provide for a salt-water connection with such a system? On the first point it may be said that the opinion of Mr. Howe is that even the proposed reservoir on Smith's Hill will not furnish sufficient pressure without a high-pressure pumping station.

On the second point it was well pointed out by Mr. Simon Leiser at the Board of Trade yesterday that a reduction of insurance rates is not the only thing to be thought of, but that the safety of the business section and its proper protection from the loss, which would result from a general conflagration, is of far greater importance.

In regard to a salt-water connection, this is only an additional protection. If the proposed reservoir could always be kept full and nothing should happen in case of a fire to the mains to shut off the supply, there might be plenty of fresh water for nearly any crisis. But what ought to be guarded against is, first, the possibility of a failure of the fresh water supply, and secondly, the occurrence of so serious a conflagration that every source of supply would have to be used.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The granting of old-age pensions may be now said to be a live issue in Canada. With the position taken by Mr. Fielding, Mr. Ralph Smith and some others there will be general agreement. If we are to have an old-age pension system, its application should be universal. The acceptance of a pension should not be made a badge of poverty. Mr. Fielding estimates that at \$3 per week such a system would call for an expenditure of \$40,000,000 annually, which is certainly a good deal of money, but it is to be borne in mind that it is money that would go directly into the pockets of the people. Therefore if some means can be devised to raise it without placing undue impositions upon business, the burden would not be felt by the people who paid the money. On the contrary, as a pension of \$3 per week would greatly reduce the taxes of the people for the support of the poor, and individuals from being called upon to contribute to the necessities of old people, there would be a lightening of burdens all round, as well as a great increase in the comfort of a large number of people. The proper source from which to collect the taxes necessary to supply the money necessary for the payment of these pensions, seems to us to be large estates and great accumulations of wealth; but whether or not the Dominion Parliament has the right to levy taxes of that kind is a question upon which there may be some doubt. The B. N. A. Act confers upon the local legislatures the exclusive power to make laws in relation to "direct taxation within the province in order to the raising of a revenue for provincial purposes." On the other hand the Dominion Parliament may make laws "for the peace, order and good government of Canada" and the Act declares that the specification of powers must not be taken to restrict the generality of the foregoing terms. The impression which the public has gathered from the manner in which the B. N. A. Act has been administered is that the Dominion Parliament may not levy a direct tax, but this does not necessarily follow from the language above quoted. It may be that Parliament has the right to levy direct taxes for any purposes rendered necessary for the promotion of the peace, order and good government of Canada. If this is correct, there would appear to be no insuperable difficulty in devising a plan whereby the accumulated

wealth of the country might be made to contribute to the pensioning of old people. A graded tax upon all estates, using the expression "estates" in its widest significance as applicable to property, would be a sound economic method of providing a pension fund. The wealth of the country ought to contribute directly to the support of those by whose labors it has been accumulated. Such an amount as Mr. Fielding suggests would not be burdensome if placed upon the shoulders of accumulated wealth. It would simply be a return to the responsibilities recognized in old feudal days, when the lords felt, and to a large degree discharged, the obligation to see that their poor retainers did not suffer from poverty. The only difference would be that it would crystallize in legislation a principle that ought to lie at the very base of our social structure, and make that compulsory, which the enlightenment of those days thought might be left to voluntary kindness. It would be a legislative recognition of the truth that the producer has rights in the products of his labor as well as the accumulator of such products. Old-age pensions, based upon such a principle, would be a long step in the direction of social progress.

NOT QUITE PARALLEL.

Mr. Joseph Martin is not wholly correct when he likens the position of lieutenant-governor to that of the King, and the reason is that he fails to take into account the fact that provincial legislatures have only a limited jurisdiction. What the Commons, Lords and King agree upon is law, and there is no power short of the sovereign people which can alter it, and even they must make the change through the medium of parliament. There never can be any question as to the constitutionality of an Act of the British Parliament; there can never be any question as to its interference with the powers of some paramount authority. Of course Mr. Martin knows this as well as anybody; but in discussing the responsibility of the provincial ministry he loses sight of the fact that the legislature of a province is a statutory creation owing its existence to an Act of the British Parliament, and that its powers have been defined. One of the limitations upon its authority is the power vested in a lieutenant-governor to reserve assent to a Bill. There could not possibly be such a reservation in the case of the British Parliament, for there is no one whose "pleasure" could be subsequently "signified." Hence British precedents and the rules of British parliamentary government apply to a province of Canada only so far as they are not qualified by the provision referred to. We concede that even in the application of that provision the maxim that "the king can do no wrong" may be maintained. If a lieutenant-governor reserves a Bill, some one must assume the responsibility. We have shown in previous articles that the provincial ministers may not assume it, for if they could, it would be to enlarge their powers beyond what the principles of responsible government warrant. It must be assumed by the Dominion government. The principles of responsible government are fully satisfied if the minister states to the legislature that the lieutenant-governor acted in pursuance of his duties as an officer of the Dominion government, and, on the principle that things must be presumed to have been regularly done until the contrary is shown, it may be assumed that such action was in pursuance of instructions. We are not now discussing any particular case, but only the application of the principles of responsible government to the conditions created by the British North America act. As a vote of want of confidence in the federal government passed by a local legislature would be idle words, the only way in which such a body can effectively express its disapproval of a lieutenant-governor's action, if done under instructions, is by re-enacting the reserved measure. If these views of the subject prevailed and were carefully observed it never would be necessary for any one to discuss the action of a lieutenant-governor.

A PLEASING INCIDENT.

Quite in the ordinary course of preparation of the extracts from the files of the Colonist of forty years ago, there happened to be included among those which appeared in yesterday's issue this paragraph:

St. Valentine's Ball.—Miss Sophia Hill announces a ball on St. Valentine's evening at the Royal hotel. The occasion is rendered doubly interesting by the fact that the present is Leap year.

To the member of the staff who is in charge of that department of the paper, this was merely a paragraph, nothing more—a case of "a primrose by the river's brim, a yellow primrose was to him"—but to one reader of the Colonist it was of supreme importance, for it unlocked the floodgates of memory reaching back to that St. Valentine's eve forty years ago when Miss Sophia Hill, now Mrs. (Capt.) Rudlin had entertained her friends. And Mrs. Rudlin felt so pleased to be thus reminded so unexpectedly of the past, that she called at the Colonist yesterday to say so. And further to emphasize her satisfaction at what she interprets as quite a singular coincidence, she begged that the reportorial staff of the Colonist should accept the sum of twenty-five dollars and expend the same in the manner which pleased them most. After some consideration the staff have decided that the amount shall go towards the funds of the

Seamen's Institute, a most worthy institution, which we are informed stands badly in need of financial aid at this time. We feel that this disposition of Mrs. Rudlin's generous gift will complete the chain in what can only be termed an extremely pleasing incident, breaking the monotony of work on a daily newspaper. We are glad that we were able, all unconsciously though it was, to revive some pleasant memories in the mind of Mrs. Rudlin, and we congratulate that lady that she has lived to see reproduced, after a period of forty years, a newspaper item telling of an incident of her girlhood days. We trust that she may long enjoy good health in the city where for so many years she has been a most estimable resident.

MISTAKES CORRECTED.

Mrs. Markwell has been writing some very excellent things to the Manitoba Free Press about Victoria, and what she has said has been almost all highly complimentary. But in her latest letter that we have seen she makes some errors which ought to be corrected. We quote a paragraph:

Victoria newspapers are attacking Victoria for the exorbitant charges of everything from a spool of thread (10 cents) to a cord of wood (\$10); so I suppose it is not a breach of etiquette for a visitor within the gates to rise up and say "hear, hear!" The most glaring and absurd charges for rented houses are made; board, at cafes, public hotels and high-class residential hotels is beyond reach of any but the extremely wealthy class, and certain Victorians very plainly assert "we only want rich people to come in!" There used to be an old-fashioned second primer in my own school days which told of a little naughty boy and a jar of nuts. You recollect, the naughty boy grasped so many nuts he could not get his fist out of the jar, so had to let go and lose all. This story illustrates just what Victoria people are doing today!

Mrs. Markwell is not quite correct in saying that the Victoria newspapers are attacking the "exorbitant" charges made for certain necessary things in this city, and when she proceeds to quote prices she is quite astray. Thread is not 10 cents a spool here, but only 5 cents, and if anyone has been charging \$10 a cord for wood he has been getting a great deal more than anyone need pay. Today the price of the best wood per cord is \$6, delivered, or if it is cut in stove lengths, \$7, and this is as high as it ever has been. Rented houses are not held at extravagant prices. Six-room houses can be got as low as \$20. Higher prices are charged in some instances by reason of location or surroundings, but as a general proposition rents are not high. Good rooms are expensive, but we do not think it can be justly said that board is extravagantly high at cafes or hotels; a member of The Colonist staff, who lived until recently in Winnipeg, says the prices here are not more than 10 per cent higher than in the Prairie capital. Mrs. Markwell is quite incorrect in conveying the impression that the people of Victoria want only rich people to come here. Doubtless she has heard people say so; doubtless also she could find people who would tell her that we do not want any poor people. Said one estimable lady to a young man who came here from an Ontario town a quarter of a century ago: "I am very glad to see you, but, really, I wish we could put a fence around Victoria so as to keep every one else out." Now, doubtless, there are some people who feel that way now, but there are not many of them. The majority of the people of Victoria, and all the people who really count, have just as cordial a welcome for people of moderate means as they have for wealthy people.

Chicago reports that a business revival is coming. It will be very welcome, even in Victoria, where the depression has been chiefly imaginary.

"This has been a most beautiful autumn," is the observation of the Fernie Free Press. When do our friends propose to have their winter?

The Superintendent of Boulevards suggests to the Park Commissioners that a new name be chosen for what is known as the Quadra street cemetery. How would "Camosun Square" do?

The Penticton Press thinks that the time has come when British Columbia ought to have a local option law upon its statute book. There is something in this contention.

Ex-Premier Franco seems to be engaged in giving an illustration of a man "getting a move on." At last reports he had reached Genoa and was still going. Whatever may be charged against him, it cannot be said that he did not know when he had enough.

That there are disadvantages attendant upon residence at a point possessing the mild climate of Victoria is shown by the dispatch from Winnipeg to the effect that "wild geese have been moving north for several days." We miss the thrill of pleasurable excitement which such an important event engenders in the breasts of Manitobans.

It may be of general interest to state that in the opinion of such excellent authority as the New Westminster News, those papers which have ventured to prefer an investigation into the coal business by a commission appointed by the Dominion government to one carried on by a committee of the legislature are "coyotes" and "rep-tiles." This seems to prove the case completely. We are not quite sure

what the case is, but it surely must be proved.

Chief Smart, of the Calgary fire department, has just issued a special notice which may possess a special local interest. He calls upon the managing bodies of all churches and amusement halls with a seating capacity of over 500 to make provision for an auxiliary lighting service in case of emergency, so as to obviate all possibility of panic. If this rule is a necessary one in the public interest, we assume that it ought to be followed everywhere.

The records of recent years will be broken in 1908 for the amount of money spent on works of civic improvement in Victoria. Employment will be given to a very large number of men, with the result that business generally should feel a distinct stimulus from this one cause alone. We trust that so far as it may be possible preference will be given to our own laboring men, and that in any event British subjects will be favored over those who may be attracted from across the line.

It is refreshing to learn that there is some one whom the Times hates as cordially as it does Mr. McBride, "which his name is Joseph Martin." If the meteoric gentleman from Vancouver decides, as Dame Rumor says he may, to be a candidate in this city for the House of Commons, our esteemed contemporary's venom factory will have to work overtime. But it gets right sometimes. It is right when it disclaims for Mr. Templeman any credit for placing Mr. McBride in office.

It is reported from London that the British post office has made a new contract with the Cunard Steamship Company to carry mails between Liverpool and New York until 1928. Does this spell fins to the All-Red Imperial fast steamship project? One can hardly imagine that the British government would make such a contract for so long a period if it had any intention of bousting a scheme which the promoters claim will reduce the time of voyage across the Atlantic almost one-third, making a corresponding reduction in the time required for the transmission of the mails between British ports and American coast ports.

The Bill to amend "The Municipal Clauses Act" will be taken up by the Municipal Committee of the Legislature. This is not the Bill which touches the question of municipal franchise, but one defining the powers of Councils. From a somewhat hasty inspection of the proposed measure, we feel it a duty to ask the committee to scan its provisions very carefully. We do not specify any of the proposed provisions which seem open to objection, because we do not wish to be understood as hostile to the measure. All we have to say is that the committee should weigh very carefully what they are asked to recommend to the House.

While there will be universal sympathy with the farmers of South Bruce, Ontario, who are loud in their complaints against the reckless automobilist, it must be said that they advance a most ridiculous proposal when they ask that the legislature should absolutely prohibit the use of automobiles on any roads except those of incorporated cities. This is mere childishness. The automobile has come to stay, as have the electric railways and typewriters; and, that fact being recognized, the only duty devolving upon the authorities is to enact such legislation as to ensure that their use shall not impose upon the rights of the general public. To talk of prohibiting them upon any highway is absurd.

It requires no very great stretch of the imagination to realize that the wholesale denunciations which are being hurled at the head of President Roosevelt by many public speakers in the United States constitute an exceedingly dangerous piece of business. Under normal conditions the anarchistic element in the country are eager enough to "remove" the President. Will they not be stirred to greater activity by having it constantly drummed into their ears that he is solely responsible for the financial and industrial depression which has overtaken the country? A hopeful phase of the situation, however, is the fact that the President seems to enjoy the confidence of the laboring classes. Were it otherwise, it can easily be understood that he would occupy as perilous a position as the Czar of Russia.

The Colonist frequently receives MSS. and newspaper clippings from its friends which it finds itself unable to use. It is not always possible to decide at once whether these can be used or not, and in the great majority of cases all that can be done with them is to take a note of the idea contained in them. Weeks afterward the person sending something in asks to have it returned. An instance occurred yesterday, where a friend wanted back a clipping that had been sent in six weeks ago. It is so exceedingly difficult for a daily newspaper to keep MSS. and clippings, and return those not used, that the rule almost invariably adopted is to decline any responsibility for them. We do not wish to take this position, and will only say to our friends that we cannot undertake to return contributions. We will do so when possible, but do not promise to do so in any case. A word might be added for the benefit of occasional contributors to the press, and it is that persons sending out MSS. which they value, ought to retain copies of them.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

Like a motion to adjourn, a discussion as to what is to be Canada's future is "always in order," therefore we direct the attention of Colonist readers to an article in the Ottawa Citizen, which, after putting the question "Have you ever seriously visioned the Canada of the future?" continues:

Very much depends upon this. It is the vision that makes vital and gives value. It is the vision that gives the purpose. To make progress there must be the definite goal. How can we build the house of Canadian character without first drawing the plans of our building? And it is safe to say that Canada will be just as great in the future as we are planning now to make her. Let no one fancy that greatness is thrust upon any people. Neither can we blunder upon it, as we wander aimlessly about. There must be the firm, wisely chosen and persistently followed policy. True Canada must be built on the solid foundation of her country. Truly may it be said that the century is ours. We have the chance that no nation has ever had—of building a modern nation from raw material in the modern time. We are not hampered by precedents, we are not blinded by ignorance. We have all the history of the world at our command. We need in the vision in the individual mind that will create the strong purposefulness that above all else will make us great.

Appropos of the building project now engaging the attention of the Victoria Y.M.C.A., it is interesting to note that the members of the Harlem, N.Y., association do not think it fair that the whole responsibility for the most important thing in life, the making of a home, should be placed on the shoulders of one person. They believe that the ignorance of young men as to the demands, financial and otherwise, of the married state is responsible for much marital unhappiness. They propose a remedy, which is thus explained by an exchange:

This association has started a class in the rudiments of housekeeping for young men contemplating matrimony. The course begins very properly with a study of "The Ideal Husband" and "The Ideal Wife," but goes on to such prosaic subjects as "How to Save on the Gas Bill," "What Kind of Furniture Lives Longest," "How to Market" and "Labor-Saving Devices in the Home." It is said a number of eager students have enrolled in the class, thereby showing that the association was not mistaken as to the need for such teaching.

As "misery loves company," those in Victoria who feel that the progress of the city is being retarded because of a deadly apathy on the part of the citizens generally, will be glad to learn that Vancouver is in the same boat, according to the News-Advertiser, which says in the course of an editorial under the caption "Culpable Negligence":

It is difficult to too strongly deprecate the seeming lack of interest by merchants and professional men in the interests of the city. We base this stricture on the fact that a week ago the regular monthly session of the Board of Trade was adjourned owing to the lack of a quorum. Last night the adjourned regular meeting failed to eventuate owing to sufficient members not being present to make operative any business transacted. We are sorry to have to take so long a view of the situation, but at this period in our history Vancouver requires as steadfast loyalty to her well-being as at any time in the past. . . . Such being the situation it is inconceivable to us that the business men of the community should be so lax in their smiles and only on the ground of their future but on the ground of their past. . . . There have been times in the past which we thought would have taught a lesson to our business men. Times when indolence, lack of initiative or ill-considered conclusions have either lost us prospective profit or done us actual harm. We will quote no instances, but we will not still open sore, but we will, with the energy at our command, impress on these gentlemen who stand high in the body politic today, the imperative need of earnest, persistent and well-balanced consideration of all matters that affect Vancouver's weal.

The Toronto Telegram has no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that free trade is the source of the Old Country's Socialistic craze. The argument which it presents in support of this conviction has, at least, the merit of being brief and to the point. It says:

The Socialistic peril that threatens the tranquility of European nations is described as an effect of protection in the bright lexicon of English free traders. Accordingly free trade must be to blame for the Socialistic menace that now threatens the political tranquility of England. The utility and failure of free trade is writ large in the argument that one-third of England's population is so close to the verge of starvation that a few cents extra on the price of a bushel of wheat would push the ill-fed millions into the abyss of dire hunger. Has half a century of free trade left England with one-third of its population not knowing where to look for the next meal? Then Cobdenism has been a dismal failure and the disease of starvation calls for a new remedy. Protection would have increased employment in England as protection increased employment in Canada. The Campbell-Bannerman government seems to have drawn much of its strength from voters who are neither free traders nor protectionists. They realize the failure of free trade, but distrust protection and yearn to try Socialism as a panacea for England's ills.

In the following paragraph the Halifax Chronicle directs attention to an interesting fact respecting the present month of February:

It is worth remarking that there are five Saturdays in this month of February, which is something infrequent even in leap years. They will come again, we are told, only twice in the present century.

In 1603 you could buy three quarts of ale for a penny in most parts of England.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Friday, February 14, 1868.

This is St. Valentine's Day. The bookstores are filled with love-misives and other that are not so love-ly, and from indications we think that the postman will have his hands full distributing the favors of both sexes for the next few days.

In a few days Messrs. Wilson & Co. will open the premises at Esquimalt, lately occupied by Mr. S. Nesbit as a depot and bread and biscuit bakery for the supply of the Navy.

Concert.—We understand that a second instrumental and vocal concert will be given at the theatre, the great success that attended the last entertainment having encouraged the manager to again come before the public. At the last performance Messrs. Ed. Gunther and Roberts, of H.M.S. Zealous, Miss Elizabeth Yooman and other performers, were highly successful in their efforts. We hope that an early day will be fixed for their second performance.

London, Feb. 10.—Sir Daniel Brewster, the celebrated savant, died last night.

Halifax, Feb. 11.—The house is engaged in discussing the Repeal resolution. Meetings continue to be held in various parts of the country.

London, Feb. 11.—The British iron-clad Hercules, said to be the largest in the world, has been successfully launched at the Chatham dockyard.

Paris, Feb. 11.—La France insists that Bismark has asked permission to resign his portfolio.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The King's decision about the "renovation" of Holyrood Chapel, which was made public at a sub-meeting of the Convention Scottish Royal Burghs, will, says the Pall Mall Gazette, be welcomed in a wider circle than that of the touring interest. The tourist goes to see Holyrood as it is, and a "renovated" chapel would find as little favor in his eyes as in those of more competent archaeologists. Lord Leveson-Gower, however, would have wanted money thrown away had it been applied to the purpose for which he intended it, and the interests of his heirs and assigns will certainly benefit more than would Holyrood if the King's decision had been other.

The first motor car to make its appearance in Afghanistan was taken to Kabul by Sir Louis Dune as a gift to Habibullah Khan from the Government of India. The Germans are about to provide Menelik, Emperor of Abyssinia, with a magnificent touring car, which, however, will not be the first to be seen in the Abyssinian capital. The car has not yet arrived at Addis Ababa, where Mr. Dune, the English explorer, who is accompanied by a motor car, has been introducing the Negus to the delights of high speed. One of the first of Eastern monarchs to use the motor car was the King of Siam, whose automobile follows immediately after the white elephant in the Royal processions.

France's throne had been recovered from an old lumber-room of the Palace Bourbon, where it has remained hidden away for nearly four score years, the last occasion of its use being when it was occupied by King Charles X. at the ceremony of the opening of Parliament. It is in a fair state of preservation, but has been sent to the State Museum of Decorative Art, and is the only French throne that remains in existence. King Charles's other throne at the Tuilleries, which has been occupied in turn by the first Emperor Napoleon and by King Louis XVIII, was destroyed in the revolution of 1830, which drove Charles X. into exile. On the occasion the French were invaded by the revolutionary mob, and as every one of the mob wanted to sit on the throne to see how it felt, it got so much sat upon that it fell to pieces. Louis Philippe, who succeeded Charles X. as King of France, had a new throne made for himself. But when he in turn, after eighteen years of reign, was driven from the country by the Revolution of 1848, the mob seized the throne, carried it off to the Palais de Bastille, and burned it there in a grand bonfire. Relic hunters who attempted to make off with pieces of the wood and upholstery were seized by the mob and compelled to throw them back into the blaze. As for the throne of Napoleon III, it fell a prey to the flames that destroyed the Palace of the Tuilleries during the terrible days of the Commune in 1871.

Lord Strafford, who has been receiving congratulations from his many friends, is one of the diminishing number of parson peers, and the only Earl of Strafford, and perhaps the only member of the Upper House, who has held the office of chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. He is, too, says the Pall Mall Gazette, one of our hereditary legislators who have not forgotten their Horace, and can get the Roman poet's facile touch and happy verse to lend themselves to his own utterances. He is a fifth year, and the third of three brothers, who have borne the title in succession. The late Earl, query to the late Queen, and some time lieutenant-colonel Coldstream Guards, took to his first wife Countess Henrietta Darnley-Samscoe, a niece of the first Marquis of Ailesbury. The two sons of this marriage both died unmarried. The elder daughter, maid of honor to Queen Victoria, was married to the Mount-Talvande, and of the intimacy of Queen Alexandra, who is the godmother of the daughter of this marriage, as were Queen Victoria, Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Wales to the son of it. In the last month of his life the late Lord Strafford married Mrs. Colgate, an American widow, whose present husband is Mr. Martin Kennard; and the peerage passed to its present holder, who has been some while a grandfather.

Robert Burns, a young man, was on the sands in Cayton Bay a couple of miles south of Scarborough, when a large commotion flew at him, attacking him in the face with a crocodile. With its beak and feet it pecked and scratched the man's face, inflicting serious injuries, more especially on the left cheek. Burns' left eye was nearly torn out, and his nose was badly lacerated. In the end he succeeded in beating off the bird.

BRITISH OPINION

London Daily News.—No Minister since Liberalism came into power has had to face a situation so difficult and exacting as that which the cattle-driving campaign created. But if Mr. Birrell knows these things he is also aware of his success. He has won the confidence of the people of Ireland; he has seen prominent Nationalists come forward with generosity and valour to plead with their rasher countrymen to abandon the tactics which embarrass him. He has seen, too, the enthusiasm with which Ulster audiences for the first time since the home rule split have greeted a Liberal Minister. His task is easier, because the Nationalists themselves have in the meantime composed their difficulties. The return of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Healy to the party is a symptom which every good Liberal will welcome. Schism means too often a competition to shine in pure obstruction; unity means a concentration on an intelligent policy for the realization of self-government—an aim which we on our side should be the first to endorse. For the rest, the quaint episode of Lord Curzon's election by what is understood to be a minute majority as a Representative Peer goes to show how fallacious is the appearance of unity even in the hard-garbed garrison itself. Even now it seems Lord Curzon's return is doubtful, for an appeal against his right to sit—a right which he considered disputable from the first—has actually been laid. The Irish landlords are sharply divided. Some would support the "sleekening policy of conciliation" with which Lord Lansdowne and the former presumably Lord Curzon, is identified. Others still cling to the old brutalities of the ascendancy system, for which Lord Ashtown stands. Lord Dunraven's letter of congratulation to Mr. O'Brien reminds us that at length there are Irish Peers who are separated only by a shade of opinion from Nationalism itself. This sort of unity which the opposition will doubtless muster when parliament meets is purely negative in its creed and partisan in its origin. The constructive policy of Unionism broke down when Mr. Long succeeded Mr. Wyndham. It is no more united about Ireland than it is about tariff reform. Mr. Birrell has declined to put a veto on a policy in motion by reviving coercion. He might no doubt by packing juries and proclaiming counties have succeeded in punishing the lawbreakers. But in achieving that end he would have been further than ever from checking crime.

London Standard.—Socialism will never gather the English people into its narrow and selfish fold, unless it be found that progress and the elimination of certain terrible social evils are impossible under the existing system of society. Nothing has made more converts to Socialism than the belief that the old political parties are unwilling or unable through indifference, timidity, or cowardice, to tackle in an effective manner the great social economic problems in which the welfare of the country is so intimately involved. The Hull Congress had refused definitely to hoist the Socialistic flag, but it is unlikely that it will refuse to associate itself with the Socialistic resolution which is to be moved by the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and which is an expression of the discontent of a large section of labor with the working of existing institutions.

The election of Lord Curzon as a representative peer of Ireland will, says the Globe be welcomed with the utmost satisfaction by the great majority of the public. It may be predicted with the utmost confidence that the latest accession to the House of Lords will be one of its most valuable members. It may be pointed out as one of the minor curiosities of the voting that even if Lord Curzon had wished to vote for himself he could not have done so. He had never taken the necessary formal step to obtain the right to vote among his fellow Irish peers. The Pall Mall says: Ireland and the House of Lords are equally to be congratulated on the result of the election which brings Lord Curzon into the arena of public life again. Expressing the radical opinion on the result of the election, the Westminster Gazette says: We are glad that Lord Curzon should once again have a seat in parliament, though we should have preferred to have seen him in the House of Commons. And quite frankly we think a serious blow has been struck at the system of "representation" by this election. The Irish representation has been used not to get Irish opinion represented, but to get Irish opinion stultified with a seat—a wholly different thing.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Woman Suffrage

Sir: It is with sincere regret that I have been made to read your statement that the present government has, by its interpretation of the word "householder," in the Municipal Elections Act, taken from women householders the right to vote for the mayor and aldermen and school trustees. That the word "householder" needed to be made less ambiguous we all admit, but in the present instance why should our legislators be so unjust in their discrimination?

Any man who pays his road tax (this will be compulsory from the ages of 21 to 60) and pays a yearly rental of \$60 for room or house, and registering his name can vote at municipal elections, while a woman no matter what rental she pays, whether she is a spinster, widow or married woman, cannot vote as a householder. That the privilege of voting has been cancelled on the water and dog tax is just and good, as is the price only the property tax, and the criminal being made between men and women. But how few of the women in the municipalities of British Columbia are wealthy? Usually they spend all their little wealth in caring for and educating their families, to give to the province a little later a far more valuable asset in their boys and girls, than the dollar which would be gathered by taxes. Had the vote of the women at the past elections resulted in disorder at the polls or in the election of unsuitable men, causing lack of prosperity to our towns and province, we could well understand the attitude of our legislators, but such is not the case.

It has been said that women do not want to vote, and your valuable paper has quoted in defence of this position "That of the possible women vote in Toronto only 27 per cent. was cast." But, Sir, you forget to say that not one-half of the male vote was cast, only 47 per cent. of those who could, voted, and these same men have had years of education in the use of the ballot. The Toronto Telegram says there was an immense vote polled at this election in Toronto, owing to the fact that many new ladies voted, and that over 6,000 women having gone to the polls.

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women signed a petition asking the legislature not to take away the franchise from them. Had the time for securing signatures not been limited six thousand names could have been secured to the petition, but the bill was already being considered by the legislature. Every cause has to be agitated before the public mind is educated to grasp the cause in its entirety and the women of this province will have to rise up in a mighty power and educate the men, convincing them of the justice of their cause and of their determination to secure that justice. Can we wonder at the women of England rising in a mighty body and demanding that the privilege of the franchise, which was promised them before the election, should be given them? Have men not fought for many long years for their political freedom until they secured it? Are not some of the nations of Europe today fighting for this same principle, and shall the women of British Columbia be any less? Like their brothers, cry aloud and work and fight for this same liberty? MARIA GRANT.

ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE

President of Shipping Federation's Reference To High Charges—Recent Improvements

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Hugh A. Allan was re-elected president of the Shipping Federation of Canada at their fifth annual meeting, which was held yesterday.

In his annual report President Allan urged that the rentals of the new sheds should be suspended until at least the construction work was fully completed, since the port was bound to suffer by the great expense of handling ships here as compared with other ports on this continent. For instance, Mr. Allan showed that the charges of the port of Montreal for the voyage of a vessel were \$542.64 greater than at New York, which is considered the most expensive port on this continent; \$339 greater than Portland and \$1,883 greater than that of Boston. A great portion of expense was, of course, caused by the heavy insurance rates on boats using the St. Lawrence route. With regard to the channel itself, Mr. Allan said that the lighting of the river and gulf had not only been very much improved, but the attention lights had left nothing to be desired, while the Department of Marine had paid prompt attention to any defect reported.

"The Minister of Marine and Fisheries," said Mr. Allan, "is to be congratulated on the best improvements he has made in this department."

SCORES LEMIEUX ACT

Ontario Judge Finds It Full of Defects—Judgment Given On James McGuire's Appeal

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The divisional court has given judgment on the appeal of James McGuire, convicted by the police magistrate of Cobalt and fined \$300 or six months' imprisonment for having unlawfully incited employees of the Nipissing Mining company to go on strike. The court finds the conviction defective, and orders its amendment, the terms of imprisonment being reduced to three months. A lengthy judgment was given by Mr. Justice Magee, which is practically a review of the Lemieux act. According to his lordship's presentment, the act appears to be as full of defects as a sieve is full of holes.

Degree For Mr. Bryce.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—It is announced today that when James Bryce, British ambassador to Washington, visits Montreal on February 24, the degree of LL.D. will be conferred upon him by McGill university.

Rock Foreman's Death.

Kenora, Ont., Feb. 13.—Samuel Johnston, rock foreman for Anderson & Johnston, contractors on Grand Trunk construction at Dagogo, died here this morning as a result of injuries received by a falling rock at the works a few days ago.

MORAL REFORM WORK

Formidable Union of Churches And Social Organizations To Fight Liquor and Other Evils

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The uniting of five leading evangelical denominations, the farmers' association, the trades and labor council, and possibly other organizations, in concentrated action to secure the abolition of the bar and the treating system, the abolition of gambling and the securing of uniform enforcement of existing laws against the social evil in its various forms, was the work effected yesterday by the executive committee of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada.

Sentences For Theft

Montreal, Feb. 13.—For having stolen nearly 1,500 worth of silverware from the homes of James Crathern, John Leslie and Dr. Haldimand, Frederick Wegener was today sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, and his wife, Rose Freeman, to two years.

Trichinosis In Quebec

Three Rivers, Que., Feb. 13.—Twelve cases of trichinosis, or as it is sometimes called, flesh worm disease, are reported from St. Lue, Champlain county. So far three cases have proved fatal. The disease was caused by the consumption of raw pork.

Cut His Throat.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—William Salmon, fifty years old, cut his throat almost from ear to ear today, but will recover. He had been employed by the Grand Trunk as a freight handler, but had not been working steadily for the past six weeks. He is a widower without children.

The first applicant for a dog license in Nottingham this year was an Irish terrier, which trotted into the Inland Revenue office with a envelope containing the official notice and the necessary fee in its mouth. The clerk made out the license and gave it to the dog, which then trotted back to its owner's office.

GUESTS AT CITY HOTELS

At the Empress—
Alex Steward, Seattle.
P. K. Nase, St. Louis.
L. C. Gilman, Seattle.
J. H. K. Anstie, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wells, Portland.
J. P. Gibson, Seattle.
J. Wilson, Vancouver.
C. M. Woodworth, Vancouver.
C. J. Archibald, Nelson.
L. Ross, Salmio.
Percy Williams, Los Angeles.
F. H. Downe, Boston.
J. W. S. Dwinell, Minneapolis.
W. O. Gilman, Boston.
J. J. Fikler, Boston.
Osborne Plunkett, Vancouver.
W. M. McKee, Vancouver.
Alvor Alversleben, Vancouver.
J. Ames, Vancouver.
Capt. Garland, Vancouver.
Austin Partner, Vancouver.
F. L. Burrows, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilkinson, London, England.
H. W. Magooch, Vancouver.
J. H. Brookes, Vancouver.
Chas. Rand, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark, Winnipeg.
J. H. Dougherty, Winnipeg.

At the Strand—

Miss R. Leigh Spencer, Vancouver.
Miss Schewenger, Vancouver.
W. Lewis, Dawson.
H. L. Manning, Tacoma.
John E. Laker, C. S. Restorer.
W. W. Wright, C. S. Restorer.
H. Billinger, Vancouver.
Henry S. Whitman, St. Louis.
J. E. Raven, New York.
E. W. Burns, New York.
Jack Moffatt, City.
J. Hoy, City.

At the Dominion—

J. E. Caven, New York.
H. Scarborough, Seattle.
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Miss Edmondson, Swift Current. S. O. Blinn, Blaine, Wash. H. J. Fell, Hudson, Wis. F. D. Mitchell, Vancouver. F. M. McGregg, Vancouver. Mrs. A. McGregg, Vancouver. W. V. Foster, Revelstoke. Dr. A. C. Nash, Revelstoke. Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. E. Eby and son, Skeena. J. H. Hollingshead, Winnipeg. James Doucett, Winnipeg. Judson P. Clark, Vancouver.	At the Victoria— Miss Ida Connell, Tacoma. J. Sullivan, Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baskett, Seattle. I. Mescher, Seattle. C. R. Beth, Seattle. T. A. Moore, Seattle. R. B. Betts, Seattle. F. Craig, Seattle. Fred Millar, Seattle. A. Nickelson, Ladysmith. J. L. Steele, Kitimat. James Beck, Kitimat. C. A. Drury, Winnipeg. C. Cann, Winnipeg. W. Fairbanks, Winnipeg. J. A. Silverthorn, Winnipeg. J. P. Springfield, Auckland. H. McPherson, Peachland. J. House, San Francisco. Wm. Houser, San Francisco. Robert Lawton, Portland. H. C. Churchill, San Francisco.

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EXECUTIVE TO MEET HERE THIS EVENING

Provincial Conservative Association Will Appoint Organizer at Session Today

The executive of the Provincial Conservative association will hold a session this evening, when business of importance will be considered.

It is expected that an organizer will be appointed at this meeting, and a large number of communications, amounting, in fact, to between 400 and 500, will be dealt with.

G. H. Barnard, K. C., of this city, is the president, while C. M. Woodworth, of Vancouver, is first vice-president. With W. M. McKay, the secretary, Mr. Plunkett and Mr. Shaw, of Kamloops, he arrived in the city last evening.

Mayor Planta, of Nanaimo, is also in the city for the same purpose. Other members of the executive who will be present are F. Dockrill, representing Skeena; F. Foster, of Revelstoke; J. A. Harvey, Cranbrook, and R. F. Green, of Victoria.

It is also probable that the executive will consider various proposed amendments to the Provincial Election act, which will probably be made during the present session. The provisions under which the elections in cities are held are not considered satisfactory.

NEWS OF THE CITY

School at Webster's Corners
 The contract for a school at Webster's Corners has been let to W. H. Menzies. The contract price is \$1,150.

Will Confer Degree
 At tonight's meeting of Far West Lodge, K. of P., the rank of esquire will be conferred on several candidates.

Victoria Water Works Act.
 The private bills committee will consider the Victoria Water Works act Monday next. The powers conferred by the measure are somewhat extensive. A petition against some of the provisions has been filed by the Esquimalt Water Works company.

Teachers' Institute Meets
 The Victoria Teachers' Institute will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Wallace, of Flewin's nursery, will read a paper on "Wild Flowers of British Columbia," and Miss Mills, city drawing instructor, will speak on "Old Masters in Painting." The public is invited to attend.

Railway Committee.
 The railway committee held a session yesterday morning and considered the bill to incorporate the Vancouver & Nicola Valley Railway company, and reported that measure in the afternoon. With the exception of one amendment, changing the gauge from narrow to standard size, the other amendments were technical in their nature. The time for expending the first \$10,000 was shortened from January, 1911 to January, 1909.

Paderewski Recital
 The management of the Victoria Musical society request that all ticket holders will be in their seats in the Victoria theatre before 8:30 tonight. The recital will commence promptly at that hour and positively no admittance will be permitted during the performance of a number. The doors to the gallery will be opened at 7:30, and admission will be \$1.50. There are 350 good seats in the gallery. Madame Paderewski will accompany her husband to Victoria. They will stay at the Empress hotel while in the city.

Will Receive Applications
 Mrs. (Capt.) Johnstone, of the Salvation Army, is in the city in connection with the Salvation Army's immigration board. She has charge of the "domestic servant" proposition in this city and may be consulted at No. 8 Amelia street any time for the next week. Application blanks may be obtained and it is the duty of the captain to investigate the application, examine the position of the applicant and to obtain a knowledge that the latter is an assured one and the application therefor bona fide.

South Saanich School Board
 The regular monthly meeting of the South Saanich school board was held in Royal Oak school house last Wednesday evening. Those present were Trustees R. B. Fowle, Charles King, J. G. McKay and William Campbell. A communication was received from J. R. Carmichael, C.M.C., informing the board that the school estimates had been passed. Various communications re supplies and repairs were received and duly dealt with. O. Crandell, teacher of South Saanich school, tendered his resignation to take effect February 29, which was accepted and W. Alex. Cooper of Mt. Sicker, appointed in his place.

Secretary Resigns
 The regular monthly meeting of the committee of management of the B. C. Protestant Orphan's Home was held on Wednesday afternoon and a large amount of routine work done. E. Crow-Baker, the secretary, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret, and a committee, consisting of the chairman, Charles Hayward, and Mr. Lawson, was appointed to recruit a successor. Until such appointment is made Mr. Crowcroft will have power to sign cheques. Mrs. James T. Dickson was placed on the ladies' committee in place of Mrs. Wake, resigned. A number of accounts were passed. Those present at the meeting were Charles Hayward, Messrs. Lawson, Helmecken, Goodacre and Seaworth.

Old-Timer Visits City
 Amongst the visitors at the legislative yesterday was L. Campbell, of Campbell Creek, near Kamloops. Mr. Campbell is one of the pioneers of the province. He crossed the plains of California in 1852 and came to Victoria in 1858. In the halcyon days of Cariboo in 1858 he was engaged in packing and mining and he succeeded in accumulating a comfortable fortune. He is at present the possessor of one of the finest ranches in British Columbia. He speaks in the most glowing language of the potentialities of the province and he believes that the prosperity which has recently been marked throughout the Pacific province of the Dominion is at its earnest of that which is to come in ensuing years. The province is but "hitting its stride" and the pace will be maintained.

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Contract Is Awarded
 The contract for a school at Peachland has been awarded to W. A. Lang. The school is to be a four-room structure and will cost in the neighborhood of \$8,500.

Suspected Beer Thieves
 John O'Brien, believed to have been one of the gang which broke into the premises of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing company on Tuesday night and purloined three kegs and half a dozen bottles of beer, was arrested yesterday morning by the police, and along with Barney MacKay, P. O'Connor, K. W. Macdonald and J. Everset, who were arrested on Wednesday afternoon, will be arraigned this morning before Magistrate Jay.

Oddfellows Entertain
 The St. Valentine's ball to be given by the Oddfellows of the city, and to make a success of which an energetic committee has been at work for the past week or two, will be held this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Every preparation has been made for the event which promises to be the most successful in the history of the lodge. The supper is being provided by the Sisters of Rebekah. The committee in charge of the affair is composed of T. M. Brayshaw, R. Livingston, J. H. McConnell, Anton Henderson, P. W. Dempster and J. Wilby. The committee of the Sisters of Rebekah on whom falls the duty of providing the refreshments consists of Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Dempster and Mrs. Stelly.

WAS REFUSED BALLOT

J. G. Brown Could Not Vote for School Trustee at the Last Election

Refused a vote at the recent civic elections after being allowed the status of a duly qualified voter, J. G. Brown has taken steps to ascertain why it was that he was not allowed to vote for school trustee. Prior to the last elections Mr. Brown claimed that as an employee of the Dominion government he was exempted from showing that he had paid the necessary rates and he concluded that he was entitled to vote. His claim was contested and an appeal was taken to Mr. Justice Clement who decided that Mr. Brown was not entitled to claim exemption but it was shown that he was properly qualified independent of the exemption and on this circumstance being known the court did not make the order.

On election day Mr. Brown attended the polling booth to register his vote recording his choice for mayor and aldermen, but when he presented himself at the booth where the polling for school trustees was in progress he was informed that his name had been removed from the list. This was done, Mr. Brown ascertained, on the ground that Mr. Justice Clement had declared him not to be entitled to vote. Further investigation shows that no order was made to strike off his name and he is therefore anxious to know why he was stopped from voting. He has consulted his solicitor and is determined to find out why he was refused a ballot.

VICTORIA DELIGHTS HIM

Dr. McEwen, of Glasgow, is Pleased With Beauties And Climate Of This City

Dr. McEwen, of Glasgow, son of the famous surgeon, Sir William McEwen, was a visitor in this city yesterday. Dr. McEwen is deeply interested in questions of hygiene and he has made the study of the problem of safeguarding the health of the public in cities and other communities, his special subject of study. With Dr. Fagan, the provincial health officer, he visited various points in connection with Victoria and expressed himself as delighted with the conditions here. Here, British Columbia's condition with regard to these problems compares well with the other districts visited by the doctor.

But it was the climate and scenery of Victoria and the district which especially charmed the visitor from Glasgow. He had no conception that anything so fine could be found on the coast of North America. Dr. McEwen left for Seattle on route to Los Angeles. He will return to Scotland by way of New York.

HOLD MOCK ELECTION

St. Andrew's Young Peoples' Society Will Give Unique Entertainment

An entertainment which promises to be unique and at the same time highly instructive will be given by the Young Peoples' Society of St. Andrew's church, on the evening of Monday next in the lecture room of the church, when a mock election will be held for the purpose of filling the positions of mayor, aldermen and school trustees of the city of Victoria. Two candidates for each position are offering themselves, for election, and the contest promises to be a keenly fought one, and will doubtless be the most interesting, much eloquence and not a little telling criticism. The idea of the mock election is to give the young people an opportunity of acquiring the art of public speaking and as the debates recently held by the society have been productive of great good in this direction, some excellent speeches are looked for.

The questions which have agitated the municipal elections will be strenuously debated. Printed ballots have been prepared and at the conclusion of the speeches, all present will be given an opportunity to vote for one mayor, one alderman and one school trustee. The ladies will be given the suffrage and there is no fear of any legal steps being taken to disqualify them. In the mayoralty contest, Mr. White, who is the retiring mayor, will again seek election, his opponent being Mr. Hughes, who will represent the progressives, while in the aldermanic field G. Brown and Mr. Hescott will appeal for the support of the electorate. In the race for school trustee honors Mr. Crowther and Mr. Cullin will face the electors and will discuss in all matters pertaining to education, school construction, the Chinese question and additional ac-

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OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Smith took place at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, 1402 Stanley avenue, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. F. T. Tapscott, who also officiated at the grave. Appropriate hymns were sung. There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends and many beautiful flowers were presented. The following acted as pall bearers: H. R. Sellick, C. C. Johns, J. Andrews, J. T. McDonald, D. McMillan, Dr. Wm. Russell.

Word has been received in the city of the death at San Francisco, on February 9, of Ernest Wolff, for many years a resident of this city, and known to a large circle of friends who will regret to hear of his demise. The late Mr. Wolff came to Victoria from London, Eng., in the early 80's and resided here for many years until failing health necessitated his retirement from active business. He went south, trusting that a change in climate would benefit his health. Deceased, who was 74 years of age at the time of his death, was constantly employed at his trade, that of a tailor, during his residence in the city. He leaves surviving him a widow and ten children. One daughter, Mrs. Robert Swanich, resides at Metochin. Other daughters are Mrs. George Snider, Vancouver; Mrs. W. W. Clark, Toronto; Mrs. Foster, Vancouver; Mrs. D. W. Rowland, of Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. Misslin, Seattle. Two sons, Ernest and Lionel, living in California.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 13, 1908.

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure continues to be high over the North Pacific states but a low area is developing on the British Columbia coast and its movement is causing unsettled and threatening weather in this district. Snow has fallen at Barkerville and in eastern Oregon and rain from Port Simpson southward to the straits of Fuca. South of Portland the weather has been fair and warmer. East of the Rockies the weather is mostly fair and moderately cold and snowfall has occurred at Swift Current and Regina.

TEMPERATURE.

Victoria, B. C.	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	38	46
Vancouver	35	40
New Westminster	34	38
Kamloops	20	26
Barkerville	14	30
Port Simpson	42	23
Atlin	16	26
Dawson, Y. T.	6	32
Calgary, Alta.	8	32
Winnipeg, Man.	16	20
Portland, Ore.	32	46
San Francisco, Cal.	46	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:
 Victoria and vicinity: Easterly or southerly winds, continued unsettled with occasional rain and not much change in temperature.
 Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, continued unsettled with rain or sleet and not much change in temperature.

THURSDAY.

Highest	46
Lowest	38
Mean	42
Rain, .01 inch; sunshine, 18 minutes	

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., February, 1908.

Date	Time Ht	Time Ht	Time Ht	Time Ht
1	5:16 8.4	6:58 8.4	12:10 10.3	12:30 7.0
2	5:18 8.5	8:10 8.2	13:10 11.1	12:30 6.9
3	5:24 8.6	9:18 7.8	14:09 9.7	12:24 6.4
4	5:30 8.7	10:25 7.4	15:06 9.0	12:15 5.9
5	5:36 8.7	11:31 6.8	16:16 8.2	12:04 5.4
6	5:42 8.8	12:38 6.2	17:34 7.4	11:52 4.9
7	5:48 8.7	1:47 5.7	18:48 6.5	11:39 4.4
8	5:53 8.7	2:59 5.3	19:56 5.6	11:24 3.9
9	5:58 8.6	4:12 5.0	21:00 4.7	11:08 3.4
10	6:04 8.5	5:26 4.7	22:00 3.8	10:52 2.9
11	6:10 8.4	6:41 4.4	23:00 2.9	10:36 2.4
12	6:16 8.3	7:57 4.1	24:00 2.0	10:20 1.9
13	6:22 8.2	9:13 3.8	1:00 1.1	10:04 1.4
14	6:28 8.1	10:29 3.5	2:00 0.2	9:48 0.9
15	6:34 8.0	11:45 3.2	3:00 0.3	9:32 0.4
16	6:40 7.9	13:01 2.9	4:00 0.4	9:16 0.0
17	6:46 7.8	14:17 2.6	5:00 0.5	9:00 0.0
18	6:52 7.7	15:33 2.3	6:00 0.6	8:44 0.0
19	6:58 7.6	16:49 2.0	7:00 0.7	8:28 0.0
20	7:04 7.5	18:05 1.7	8:00 0.8	8:12 0.0
21	7:10 7.4	19:21 1.4	9:00 0.9	7:56 0.0
22	7:16 7.3	20:37 1.1	10:00 1.0	7:40 0.0
23	7:22 7.2	21:53 0.8	11:00 1.1	7:24 0.0
24	7:28 7.1	23:09 0.5	12:00 1.2	7:08 0.0

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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DEMONSTRATING NEW SPRAY FOR ORCHARDS

Old Country Agent Gives Exhibition Of New Fluids

E. G. Prior & Co., of this city have been appointed by Mr. W. Stanley Spark agents for British Columbia for William Cooper & Nephews of Berkhamsted, England, for the sale of the firm's fluids for the spraying of fruit trees. Mr. Spark, who is staying with Mr. Dolg on Labouchers street, has conducted tests with the fluids with great success, on Wednesday at the orchard of Mr. Bryden at Royal Oak, where trees were sprayed for aphids. R. M. Palmer, the well known local horticultural expert, saw tests of the fluids in an English orchard and speaks highly of its usefulness for orchardists.

Mr. Spark, who is visiting Victoria, giving demonstrations of the fluids has been in Canada for some time, and three years ago was judge at many shows held in eastern Canada. He is an old school friend of Col. E. G. Prior at Leeds, Yorkshire. He has been wonderfully impressed with the resources and opportunities of British Columbia and has since his arrival acquired interests in the farm lands of Vancouver island. He said yesterday: "This is a magnificent country for fruit-growing; equal to, if not better than any I have ever seen, and I have crossed the line eight times. There is a great opportunity for the breeding of pure bred stock in British Columbia. There is, too, special chance for mixed farming, which would pay very well. When I go home I propose to induce farmers of Great Britain to engage in stock farming in British Columbia and do not think I will have any difficulty in leading a number to come to this province when I tell them the advantages here."

Mr. Spark has some photos of fruit showing the product of the unsprayed orchards and that of trees alongside sprayed with the fluids of his company. The difference is most marked, he said. Progressive fruit growers have long been alive to the importance of keeping down the many pests that attack and do so much injury to their trees. They know well enough that good fruit crops can only be expected from healthy trees—trees that are clean in branch and twig, and bud. To maintain the trees in that condition, it is necessary to treat them at intervals with a preparation that is deadly to all parasitic life, and experience has shown that the most satisfactory mode of applying such a preparation is to spray it upon the trees. That, in fact, is the only means by which the whole surface of the tree may be covered with certainty. Thus the spraying of fruit trees has taken its place in the routine of fruit culture as a process indispensable to the attainment of the best results; indeed, it is as important to the fruit grower as tillage and manuring are to the farmer. The V1 and V2 fluids for which T. G. Prior & Co. are agents opens up such new possibilities to the fruit-grower that he cannot afford to be without them. They are superior to other existing remedies. Allowing one gallon of spray mixture per tree, the cost for mixed spray-fluid works out at three cents per tree, and with labor and all incidentals, the cost of spraying should not exceed six cents per tree, for each spraying.

Walter E. Collinge of the Birmingham University Department of Economic Zoology, found the V1 and V2 fluids most satisfactory in dealing with insect pests in the Midlands. The Birmingham Daily Post published an interview with Mr. Collinge who said: "Hitherto fruit growers had looked upon the practice of spraying, and had questioned whether it was worth the expense. He was not surprised at that, for nearly all the spray fluids of the past had been mixtures which had never been carefully experimented with, and the results tabulated and checked. The practice of plant spraying as a remedy for disease dated back to the early part of the sixteenth century, but it was only within comparatively recent years that it had been placed upon a sound and scientific basis. It was in 1898 that Mr. Collinge took the matter up. He had received from people many enquiries which had an economic bearing. The resulting research so interested him that he took the subject seriously in hand, and he soon found that there was an enormous field open to him. Just at the time he received a communication in regard to the black current mite, and was on that particular pest that his first experiments were made. In the October of last year he carried on the work during any spare time he had apart from lecturing and his ordinary University duties, but the work grew so that to carry it on was impossible without a separate department, and such a department was established in connection with the university."

"It is very important to remember," said Mr. Collinge, "that spraying a tree or squirting on a liquid through a hose is wasteful and seldom efficacious. The fluid must be broken up into fine mist, and must be free from all solid particulars. One year ago I was appealed to by several Midland fruit growers to take this matter up seriously and commence experiments with a view of discovering a winter spray fluid that would kill the eggs of insects and mites found upon fruit trees at that time. A series of experiments were commenced, and as a result, in November, 1906, I issued a circular giving the formula of the now well-known caustic soda emulsion. This has given splendid results. In orchards where the trees were covered with moss, lichens, and the eggs of numerous insects it was applied in December, 1906 and today the same trees are perfectly clean and bearing more than an average crop of fruit. Here is the testimony of fruit growers from all over the country," said Mr. Collinge, pointing to a pile of letters.

"Good as this fluid has proved, Mr. Collinge saw that further experiment would improve upon it. One of the difficulties in connection with it was that it was necessary to have a carefully prepared paraffin emulsion, and this had been and still was a stumbling block to many would-be users. The next advance was the discovery of a mechanical process whereby a paraffin emulsion could be made that would readily mix with cold water, thereby saving the trouble and cost of boiling and mixing previously in vogue. This was a great advance, for once having obtained such an emulsion it was possible to combine with it in concentrated form various chemicals which are certain death to all insect eggs, fungi, lichens, moss, etc."

"The final result was the perfecting of two fluids which I have termed V1 and V2. The former is a fluid

LOCAL FIRM IS TO SUPPLY BRIDGE METAL

E. G. Prior & Co. Obtain Contract for Material for Bridge At New Westminster

E. G. Prior & Co., Limited, of this city, have been awarded the contract for the metal required for the superstructure of the new swing bridge over the North arm of the Fraser river. The contract price fixed is at the rate of \$8.80 per 100 pounds. The bridge when completed from Twigg's island to Lulu island and thence to the mainland will have a total length of 2,300 feet. It will have a roadway of 16 feet with pivot pier and draw rest.

From Twigg's to Lulu island there are to be 32 bays of pile bent approaches with two half truss spans of 123 feet out to out. From Lulu island to the mainland there are to be 32 bays of pile bent approaches with one 63 foot king truss and one Howe truss span. Adjoining will be the swing steel span 140 feet in length. Plans and details are at present in the course of completion in the engineering department of the lands and works department.

APPEAL TO BE TAKEN TO A HIGHER COURT

Aikman Dissatisfied With Magistrate's Decision—Doings In the Police Court

Frank Fredericks came up on remand yesterday, charged with frequenting a disorderly house. His counsel, J. A. Aikman, moved for a dismissal on the grounds that under the authorities the information did not disclose a defense as it did not allege that the accused was under a disability, or that there was no evidence introduced that the accused had been asked to and been unable to give such an account. He also argued that two or three visits did not amount to a frequenting.

Magistrate Jay overruled his objections, whereupon Mr. Aikman announced that he proposed to stand on the points raised and not to offer evidence. The magistrate sentenced the prisoner to three months in jail, his counsel stating his intention of appealing by way of mandamus and certiorari proceedings.

Barney Martin, a longshoreman, was charged with vagrancy, and pleaded not guilty. The police asked for a remand, which Mr. Aikman, his counsel, objected. He then asked that if a remand were granted that bail be fixed. This the magistrate refused to do, and Mr. Aikman was proceeding to argue that in such cases bail could not be refused, when the chief prosecutor, Mr. Aikman, charged Barney with having stolen three barrels of beer and six dozen bottles of the same liquid from the brewery. This settled the bail question and the accused was remanded till Monday on both counts.

A. Johansen, charged with assaulting the sheriff while serving a distress warrant, was remanded till Saturday. All was fixed in 100 shillings at \$100 each, which the accused had hitherto been unable to provide, and his counsel, F. A. Bennet of the firm of Pelt & Gregory, asked for a reduction of bail. Frank Higgins, who is prosecuting, opposed the application, which was refused.

An Indian named George, who was found in a drunken sleep in Barney Martin's cabin, with a flask of whiskey under his pillow, which he tried to hide when aroused, was fined \$25, with the option of a month in jail. The St. Wash denied all knowledge of the flask.

A fine of \$5 was also paid by the fire chief on behalf of a citizen who did not appear. It seems that the culprit had allowed his chimney to get too sooty, with the result that it caught fire. The fire department intends to enforce strictly the by-law against foul chimneys and other fines may be expected to follow.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helgeson-Cartwright.

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when Rev. D. A. MacRae of Victoria West united Harold Helgeson and May Cartwright in marriage.

The bride's wedding gown was of white silk over net.

Miss Rose Cartwright and Miss Nora Watkinson were bridesmaids and wore becoming dresses of white organza. The groom was attended by Mr. Merryfield.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and dancing. Messrs. Dave Fair, Reinhart and Hillard supplying the music. In the morning the bride and groom left for their future home, followed by the good wishes of a host of friends. The following is a list of presents, which shows the popularity of the young people: Punch bowl, Mrs. McDonald; cake stand, Mr. and Mrs. Sears; cake plate, Mr. and Mrs. Wadley; hand-painted water set, Mr. and Mrs. Elder; silver flower vases, Mr. Reinhart; Japanese vase, Mr. and Mrs. Moreas; dessert set, Mr. and Mrs. S. Walton; tea set, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan; fancy cake plate, Miss Furman; silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. Fetterfield; tea set, Mr. and Mrs. Plummer; flower vase, Mrs. and Mrs. Newson; cups and saucers, Misses McDonald; silver butter dish and knife, Mr. and Mrs. Winters; carving set, Miss Watkinson; Battenburg bedspread, Mr. and Mrs. Archmont; cheque, Mr. Johnston; cheque, Mr. Barker; cups and saucers, and fancy dollies, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright; silver knives and forks, Mrs. Forest; two cheques from friends.

MAYNE ISLAND FARMER GETS HEAVY SENTENCE

Francis David Given Eighteen Months Hard Labor For Assaulting Sick Wife

Francis David, a Mayne island rancher, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment by Judge Lampman yesterday for assaulting and inflicting serious bodily harm on the woman with whom he has lived for nearly twenty years past. The case was a peculiarly brutal one in view of the fact that Mrs. David is a cripple and in a very delicate state of health. David practically pronounced his own sentence when he said, while on the stand, that if he had assaulted a crippled woman, as alleged, he deserved the worst punishment that could be meted out to him.

The case was one of those sordid tragedies which occasionally come to light in the criminal courts. The woman, according to David's testimony, yesterday, had had her lower limbs paralyzed since she was four years old, as a result of a kick given her by her father. She has been living with the man David for over eighteen years and has borne him eight children, several of whom testified yesterday, and the present is not the first time he has beaten his helpmate, a woman unable to walk, who has to drag herself along by her hands.

Prosper David, a boy of twelve, one of the sons of the couple, said that his mother angered his father by interrupting him while he was reading a letter. Finally he reached out for the dish pan which his mother had been using, and hit her with it, with the result that she fell off the box on which she was sitting onto the floor. The boy tried to interfere, but was prevented by his father, who took hold of his mother by the hair and bumped her head on the floor. At that time the man David, then David went out of the house to the barn and did not return till dark. The mother's arm was bleeding where the man had jumped on it. The boy then got some water and threw it on her face and brought her to.

Answering the judge, Prosper said that his father had beaten his mother before.

Frances David, a little girl about a year younger than the last witness, confirmed part of her brother's evidence. She did not see all the affair, for as soon as she saw that there was going to be a row, she took the eighteen-months-old baby out of doors for fear it would get hurt. When she returned her mother was trying to get up off the floor.

Manuel David, an intelligent boy of eight, also described the row and bore out his brother's testimony. Counsel for the defense in cross-examination tried to confuse the child as to the number of times his mother's head was bumped. He was a little uncertain as to that, but stuck to the main fact.

Dr. G. R. Baker described being called in shortly afterwards to examine Mrs. David. She was suffering from a black eye, a contusion on the forehead, both her forearms abraded, and there was a swelling on the lower ribs, which was probably the result of a kick. He also testified to the physical condition of the sufferer, who is too unwell to be brought to Victoria.

Special Constable Charles W. Burnett told of the arrest, made on the evening of the assault, and of finding Mrs. David lying down groaning and in evident pain.

David took the stand in his own defense. But his straight denial of everything did not help his case much. He swore he had always lived happily with the woman, that he loved her and that they had never had any trouble before. When asked how he accounted for the children's testimony, he said they were not telling the truth, and that it was the result of how the mother had brought them up. He denied having abused her before, and also the suggestion of the prosecution that he had driven the entire family out of the house last December, and that they had gone to the constable's residence for protection and camped there for a week.

His story was that he was annoyed by the "continued hammering of her tongue," and finally got hold of the dishpan and threatened to throw it at her without intending to do so. She had hold of the other end of it, and the result was that she slipped off the box on which she was sitting and fell with the dishpan onto the floor. He said she was very strong in the arms, and gripped him round the legs, and he had some difficulty in getting away from her. When he succeeded he left the house. He admitted leaving the woman he loved on the floor without attempting to help her up, although she was crippled and ill. He explained this by saying that he was afraid "she would get foul of him again." If the woman were bruised, it was none of his doing.

For the defense, R. C. Lowe introduced a couple of letters received since his incarceration from his wife. These were rather pathetic, showing that the cripple is very fond of her abuser, and stating that she was not responsible for the trouble he was in.

In his summing up Judge Lampman declined to accept the accused's story, and, remarking that it was a brutal case, sentenced the man to eighteen months at hard labor.

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THEIR OPINIONS OF WOMEN

Woman is the symbol of moral and physical beauty.—Gautier.

What is civilization? I answer the power of good women.—Emerson.

The woman who is resolved to be respected can make herself be so, even amidst an army of soldiers.—Cervantes.

With soft persuasive prayers woman wields the sceptre of the life which she charms.—Schiller.

The beauty of a lovely woman is like music.—George Eliot.

Woman's power is not for rule, nor for battle; and her intellect is not for invention or creation but for sweet ordering, arrangement, and decision.—Tuskin.

Woman's heart is like a lithograph—stone—what is once written upon it cannot be rubbed out.—Thackeray.

An undoubted, uncontested, conscious beauty is, of all women, the least sensible of flattery.—Chesterfield.

A woman would be in despair if nature had formed her as fashion makes her appear.—Mlle. de Lespinasse.

Woman is the sweetest present that God has given to man.—Guyard.

The sweetest thing in life is the unclouded welcome of a wife.—Willis.

Simply Self-Defence

A stout woman entered a crowded car and took hold of a strap directly in front of a man seated in the corner. As the car started, she lunged against his newspaper and trod heavily on his toes. As soon as he could extricate himself, he rose and offered her his seat. "You are very kind, sir," she said, panting for breath. "Not at all, madam," he replied. "It's not kindness, it's simply self-defence."

In Woman's Realm

WOMAN'S WORK

Dr. Alice Fuller who has recently arrived in this city from an Francisco, Cal., gave a lecture on "Good Health and how to Attain It," at the home of Mrs. Sprague on Wednesday last, which was elevating as well as instructive and greatly appreciated by the ladies present.

Dr. Fuller will give a series of lectures before the clubs and different ladies' societies during her stay in the city. She will address the mothers' club at Spring Ridge school, Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 3 p. m. Her subject being "Care of Young Girls," and will also speak in the Y. W. C. A. rooms Government street at 8 p. m. on the same date.

A Valentine social will be held by the ladies of the box chutes in their schoolroom tonight. A nautical programme of games and music will be provided and refreshments will be served. A small entrance fee will be charged. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the fund for paying the debt of the church.

A very pleasant time was spent yesterday by the members of St. Agnes' guild of St. James' church, at the home of Mrs. George, 217 Quebec street. Tea was served during the afternoon to a large number of guests and a good programme of instrumental and vocal music was rendered during the evening.

The regular concert of the Ladies' Musical club will take place on Saturday afternoon next in the concert hall of the Carnegie library building. The programme for the concert will appear in Saturday morning's Colonist.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

George Liddlefield left this morning on the Princess Victoria en route to St. John's, whence he will sail on the 21st for the Old Country on an extended trip.

Gunner Phillips, who has been stationed at Esquimalt, has retired from the service, and left this morning for Quebec.

T. Hopper, of the firm of Hopper & Watkins, architects, left this morning on the Princess Victoria on a short business trip to Vancouver.

Among those who were passengers on the Princess Victoria this morning for Vancouver were H. D. Hutchinson, R. Irving, F. Nace, W. Baker, J. Stewart, J. W. McKay, W. A. Cooper, G. C. Taylor, J. J. Heaslip, C. W. Moore and Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fuller, who have been residing in Victoria for the past year, left yesterday morning by the Princess Royal and the North Coast Limited for their home at Essex, New York.

A. R. Langley left yesterday morning for Oakland, Cal., to accompany home Mrs. Langley, who has been making a short visit to that city.

R. W. Mason leaves this afternoon via the Chippewa and the North Coast Limited for New York, whence he will sail on the Cunarder Etruria for Liverpool.

A. C. Flumerfelt left yesterday morning on a short business trip to Spokane.

Lacenic

"Is the proprietor in?" asked the visitor.

"No, sir," replied the office boy.

"Is he in the city?"

"Yes, sir."

"Will he be back soon?"

"No, sir."

"Tonight?"

"No, sir."

"To-morrow sometime?"

"No, sir."

"Did he leave any word for Mr. Nash?"

"No, sir."

The stranger looked at the office boy sharply. "When did he go?"

"Yesterday afternoon."

"Didn't he say when he'd be back?"

"No, sir."

"Well, where the dickens is he?"

"At the undertaker's."

"What's the matter?"

"He's dead."—Harper's Weekly.

ON OLD-TIME TABLES

Table decorations, which play so important a part in the lunch and dinner scheme, are not, however, products of modern times, for the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans knew and appreciated their value, and the earliest centerpiece was the proverbial now, but actual then—skeleton at the feast.

A Greek dining table was inlaid with plates of precious metal, and the legs, three in number, were beautifully carved and named after famous heroes. Flowers abounded both as garlands and bouquets, and the room was perfumed with pastilles. The bread was handed in beautiful ivory baskets, and the "crater," a tall, urn-shaped bowl, was placed on the table filled with diluted wine.

The various courses were brought to the table on special trays. The side dishes were placed in a kind of stand representing a bronze ass, whose silver baskets were crammed with olives; a figure of Silenus carried a basket of caviare, and small silver griddons bore the latest delicacies in sausage meat.

A model of a sitting hen covered with eggs, and on came the model of a boat, from whose tusks hung baskets of Theban dates, while little dough sucking pigs were grouped around the dish.

After the heavier part of the meal the ceiling opened, and from it descended a silver hoop hung with silver and alabaster bottles full of fragrant essences, as presents for the guests, and a figure of the god Vertumnus was loaded with the choicest artificial fruits.

The drinking goblets were beautiful and many shaped and occasionally embellished with short mottoes, such as "reple" (fill again), "stipio" (I thirst), "Inde" (divert yourselves).

It is interesting to notice these old-time table decorations, for we can trace a good many of our own decorations back to them, thus proving the truth of the adage that there is nothing new under the sun—or on the table.

The Work of Our Hands

The soul of Ruskin would rejoice over the present return to hand-made work of all kinds. The machine is a comparatively vulgar affair just now, for we all desire to possess hand-embroidered gowns, lace which has been the patient work of careful fingers and woven tables and bookcases which we have carved for ourselves. Gone is the vogue of big, elaborate machine embroideries, and dear to our hearts (to make no mention of the pocketbook) is the simple marguerite or fern design which has been kept far from the machine's monotonous touch.

There is something so touchingly human about these fragments of old lace, in whose threads are woven the history of many households! We are coming at last to believe that our grandmothers were wiser than we, and that the few yards of rare cobwebby stuff were better than a furlong of cheap, ordinary fabric, which one would never dream of putting away in lavender or sandalwood. Lace, flowers and jewels have a strong attraction for the feminine heart, but the daintiest of these is lace.—Jean Graham, in the Canadian Magazine.

DO YOU LACK FRIENDS

Often you come across people who complain that they have but few friends. They will point to other people who have many, and wonder why such a distinction is made.

The matter is easy enough to explain, for, as some one has well said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one."

For friendship cannot possibly be a one-sided matter. Just as it takes two to make a bargain or a quarrel, so does it take the same number to make a friendship.

No one can stand aloof from others waiting to be sought without experiencing keen disappointment. This because friendships are not made that way. People do not look you over as you stand off by yourself and say: "Now, there's some one I'd like to know. I'll make a point to draw him or her out, and make all the pains possible to establish a friendship."

That's not the way it happens in real life, although some still imagine that it is. What really does happen is this: two people meet and gradually they find points of congeniality gradually each does little favors for the other, gradually a feeling of affection takes root in each heart. Neither one is thinking of what can be gained from the acquaintance; rather, each is thinking and planning to give instead of take. In other words, both are trying to be a friend unselfishly. And, lo, it is the very thing which makes their friendship.

Bear that in mind, my reader, if you happen to be among those who lament their scarcity of friends.

Many false accusations are laid at the door of our modern life, and among them I believe is that of our indifference in going out and hunting up others that we may know them. Fancy that men and women have been the same in that respect ever since the world became inhabited. Emblazoned on the pages of history is the indissoluble friendship of Damon and Pythias, but it was not formed by a one-sided effort and that happened long before the rush of our life today, and which we are continually hearing called bitterly selfish.

If we count our friends by those who accept our invitations to dinner, or to the theatre, or to pour afternoon tea for us, then, indeed, do we number them recklessly. For these are nine times out of ten but acquaintances who enjoy us as long as we are able to make them enjoy themselves. Our friends are they who love us not for the material hospitality we may extend, but rather for the hospitality of heart and charity which radiates from us.

You cannot receive such hospitality as that unless you also give it, nor can you give it without receiving it in return. Think of it if you be moan your lack of friends. They make one by being one.—Irene Gardner.

Thackeray as a Diner

Many worthy and some notable persons have possessed the onion habit now and again. William Makepeace Thackeray, writing of himself in "Lovell the Widower," says, "It is notorious to all my friends there is a certain dish I cannot resist." He referred to stewed tripe and onions, as a proof of which it is narrated of him that on one occasion while on his way to dine with the Marquis of Westminster his eye caught sight of a plachin in the window of a London restaurant bearing the legend, "Tripe and onions tonight." Going in, he called for the dish and writing materials and wrote off as an excuse to his would-be host that he had unexpectedly met an old friend that he was detaining him. Thackeray's favorite dishes were raw oysters and onions, and it may be recalled that he told Mr. Field, the Boston author, who acted as agent in his lecture tour in this country, that his chief purpose in coming to America was to obtain some of the famous large oysters of this land—which he had heard grew to so fabulous size—instead of the little coppery things of England. At this first dinner of Boston, therefore, a plate of large "Providence rivers" was set before him as an appetizer. He partook of one with a surprised look. Being asked how he felt, he replied: "Profoundly grateful. I feel as if I had swallowed a baby." He added that he must eat an onion to digest him.

Would Choose His Company

In the west, some twenty years ago, there lived a good man who gave up a part of his time to teaching the Indians the Christian faith. On one of his trips he stopped at the ranch of a well to do and very religious Swede and requested a night's lodging.

The Swede thought a great deal of the missionary and disliked to offend him, but he was so disgusted with the hanging pack of dirty, greasy Indians hanging about his place, so after much hemming and hawing, he stated his objections.

"But these Indians are Christians, my good brother, and if you can't abide with them for a single night here on earth how do you expect to dwell in heaven with them through all eternity?" Inquired the indignant missionary.

The Swede was perplexed, but, after thoughtfully scratching his head a moment, he said, "The Bible says that in my father's house are many mansions, an I thank I have a separate house."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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Apple Snow.

Pare and quarter six apples and cook them with a little water until tender enough to beat to a pulp. Add some lemon peel to the water while they are cooking. Let this cool a little while you beat stiffly the whites of five eggs. Mix about four ounces of powdered sugar with the apples and add the eggs, beating until the mixture is firm enough to stand by itself. Cut some sponge cake into small rounds and heap up the snow on the separate plates. If you have no suitable cake at hand put the snow in a glass dish or in little glass cups or tumblers. Garnish with tiny pieces of currant or apple jelly.

Chicken With Oysters.

Boil a chicken until tender, crumb up your bread, pour over it the broth from the chicken and season to taste. Add one quart of oysters to the bread crumbs, stir well and fill the chicken with it, and put the rest around it in the pan. Place it in the oven to bake until crisp and brown.

Prune Souffle.

Soak one-half pound of prunes three hours on the back of the stove, then cook slowly until soft, remove from the stove and when cool skim them; then take out the pit and beat the pulp; with a fork beat the whites of six eggs stiff, then add six tablespoonsful of granulated sugar. Then add the prune pulp; flavor with vanilla. Butter a double boiler and put this mixture in, and steam one hour. Be careful not to let it boil dry or the souffle will be spoiled.

Blind Rabbit.

One and one-half pounds of chopped beef, half pound chopped pork, one teaspoon bread crumbs, three eggs, one medium sized onion grated, one pinch of sweet marjoram, salt and pepper to taste. Mix well together and form into rabbit shape. Just before putting into oven place on top slices of salt pork the length of loaf. This is delicious and can be served cold for luncheon.

Browned Potato Balls

The balls cut from raw potatoes were boiled until not quite tender in stock seasoned with onion; they were put in a shallow, buttered baking pan, and covered with melted butter, just enough to brown them nicely. This was done by putting them under the

PITHY SAYINGS

Do not be merely good, be good for something.—Thoreau.

Better find one of your own faults than ten of your neighbor's.

More mistakes slip through the mouth than through the fingers.

Self-seeking is a game in which the chief player never makes a "touch-down."

When you are laboring for others, let it be with the same zeal as if it were for yourself.—Confucius.

It takes a pretty good man to be just when he's angry.

He is most powerful who has himself in his power.—Seneca.

A learned man is a tank; a wise man is a spring.—W. R. Alger.

Those who think awry will scare act straight.—Mrs. Browning.

"Advice is a useless thing; a wise man does not need it and a fool will not take it."

When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing he has one good reason for letting it alone.—Thomas Scott.

Clothing the Child

Do not let the child wear clothing so fine that he dares not play freely nor so elaborate that it excites the jealousy of the other children.

Dress the infant in the fewest garments possible that shall be soft and warm.

Through childhood use wool next to the body.

Do not use tight bands. More children have been injured by tight bands than ever were helped.

When the child grows into short dresses use few pins and strings to mar the soft flesh.

Let the dress be short enough to be out of the way of the uncertain little feet and thus save the baby many a fall.

Do not impede the circulation with bands about limbs and body.

Let the weight of all the clothing even the stockings, hang from the shoulder.

Never allow the child to wear clothing too small or shoes too short. While the clothing should be subordinate to many other things, do not let the children acquire the idea that it is of no account.

Teach them it is a duty they owe themselves and others to be careful of their clothing and what is suitable to the occasion.

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VICTORIA YACHT CLUB TO BE REJUVENATED

Movement Launched to Amalgamate all Boating Interests
In the City

The movement among those interested in boating in this city to amalgamate the various interests under one association and under the name of the Victoria Yacht club was launched last night when a large number of enthusiasts gathered in the offices of F. J. Neale at 635 Fort street.

It is probable that an affiliation will be effected embracing the Victoria Yacht club, the motor boat interests, the J. B. A. A. and the Oak Bay Yacht club, and the committee nominated last night to take steps to again put Victoria to the front in matters relating to the rejuvenation of Victoria Yacht club.

It was a noticeable feature during the progress of the discussion last night that not a single unharmonious note was heard, all being ready to take an active part in the bringing of Victoria again in the limelight on the water.

J. S. Gibb who occupied the chair reflected the feeling of the meeting when he pointed out that this city should be the greatest yachting centre on the coast and predicted that, if all yachtsmen would join hands, this could be accomplished. Mr. Gibb was most optimistic in discussing the outlook and stated that with the reformation of the Victoria Yacht club that the International regatta would be brought here and that Vancouver would support Victoria in this event.

A strong committee was appointed from the ranks of the motor boat men and the Victoria Yacht club to find ways and means of amalgamation and forming the new Victoria Yacht club, and with the intention of erecting a suitable club building for all power boats and dingys and also to be equipped with a proper place for drying sails. The committee will also consider the question of a site and the best method of raising funds. It was estimated that a suitable building would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

The committee is composed of the following gentlemen and will report progress on Feb. 20: J. S. Gibb, G. V. Cuppage, G. L. Wood and A. Mulcahy, representing the Victoria Yacht club, and Walter Chambers, D. Hutchison, H. P. Johnson representing the motor boat interests. The committee will have a view to considering the feasibility of that club being included in the amalgamation.

A. Mulcahy brought up the matter of adopting a new one design class boat for members of the club and others for the purpose of racing and cruising, and if this idea is adopted it is probable that the club will have racing every Saturday during the summer for prizes. Races would also probably be held for motor boats and a motor boat committee will draft a set of racing rules.

In opening the meeting Mr. Gibb remarked that the club in this city was the oldest one on the coast and deplored the fact that of late years little interest was manifested. He appealed to all the motor boat men in the city to join the Victoria Yacht club and assist in again placing the sport on a better footing than it had ever been before. He was confident that all was needed was a united effort and if all those interested in boating would join hands in working to attain the same end, that of rejuvenation of the Victoria Yacht club, he felt satisfied that they would place the club on a footing second to none of the clubs at present organized.

The fee to the club was only \$25, and he hoped that they would not hesitate to become members. At present the club was without a home, the old one having been destroyed, but this difficulty would be overcome by a united effort. Mr. Gibb cited the growth of the Vancouver Yacht club as a case in point, they having started from almost nothing and now being among the best on the coast. He was positive that his honor the Lieutenant-governor would join the club. Mr. Gibb spoke of the sentiment attached to the flying of the Royal Yacht club colors and thought that the privilege of flying these could be obtained.

All of the members of the Motor Boat association who were present

were enrolled as members of the Victoria Yacht club and G. L. Wood of the Oak Bay Yacht club, who was present, said he was positive that the Oak Bay club would join in the new movement.

A vote of thanks was passed to the press for their efforts in bringing the attention of the public to the meeting.

Vancouver Won Game

The Vancouver Y. M. C. A. team assumed the lead in the Pacific Coast Y. M. C. A. League again last evening at Everett by beating the home team. It was a very easy victory for Capt. Tuck's men, who won by a margin of 27 points. The score was 47 to 17. Vancouver was easily the better team and Everett never had a chance. The play was quite fast, however, the Vancouver players showing splendid scoring ability.

Vancouver leads the league with 7 wins and 1 defeat against 6 wins and 1 defeat for Seattle. Tomorrow night, the team plays at Hoquiam and on Saturday night in Portland, both of which should be easy games.

WILL PLAY GARRISON

Vancouver Hockey Team Will Play at Oak Bay on Saturday

The Vancouver Hockey Club will send a team to Victoria tomorrow to play the Garrison in a British Columbia League fixture on Saturday at Oak Bay. The game will practically decide the ownership of the Thorpe trophy for the year. The Garrison won from Vancouver here, but the local team has improved greatly since then, and is confident of beating the soldiers on their home grounds. If Vancouver wins this game the two teams will be tied for the leadership and they will have to play an extra series in all likelihood. If the Garrison comes out on top, however, the trophy will stop in Victoria. J. Hart, of Victoria will referee.

EVERETT QUINTETTE

WILL PERFORM HERE

International Basketball Fixture in Y.M.C.A. League Series Feb. 18

The Everett Y. M. C. A. basketball team comes here to play the local team on Tuesday night, February 18. This is the next game in the big international league series and the prospects are that the game will be as fast as any that have been played in the big league here during the present season. Everett quintette boys played the Victoria team on their recent trip on the other side the game was a very even one, fast, clean and exciting. Everett came out at the right end of the scoring sheet by the smallest of margins, and the locals are exceedingly anxious to wipe out that defeat and prove to their admirers that they are really playing the game as fast as any of Uncle Sam's teams.

The boys had a great workout last night, under the instruction of Physical Director Findley, and are in fine fettle for the game. Pettigrew, the hard-working and heady center, will be out of the game, having been unfortunately enough to sprain his knee joint, and it is probable that this accident will keep him from playing for some time yet, although his injury is not considered serious. Gawley will take his place at center, and as a substitute he is one of the best men playing that position of any of the aspirants. The team will be a representative one of the Y. M. C. A.'s best players.

It is anticipated that one of the largest crowds of the season will see the game, as the locals have been putting up a star brand of basketball since they returned from their trip. The experience that the players gained while away was invaluable and the trouncing they gave Portland here recently demonstrates this fact, as Portland took them into camp in that city. The tickets at the Y. M. C. A. offices are selling rapidly and will be snapped up before the week is out.

Hockey at Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 13.—The Quebec hockey team defeated the Shamrocks of Montreal by a score of seven to three in a game here tonight. Owing to the Montreal train being delayed, the game did not start until midnight.

CITY INTERMEDIATE LACROSSE IS ASSURED

Three Clubs Will Form Series for Summer in the City

The committee appointed at the recent meeting of the lacrosse players and management to canvass the different athletic organizations in the city to get their opinion as to the feasibility of the formation of an intermediate city lacrosse league report that the success of the proposed three club league is practically assured.

The management of the J. B. A. A. signified their intention yesterday of entering the league and promise that the club will place a team in the field that will give the other clubs their hands full in defeating them. The club has yet taken place in the intermediate league was a wise one. The interest that is being shown by all of the clubs in the city is the greatest, the canvassing committee state, that Victoria has shown for many a day and augurs well for the success of the team on the field this summer.

There are now three teams that are sure of playing in the city intermediate league. The Victoria West club will have a strong team as will also the Centrals and with the entrance of the J. B. A. A. one of the best series that could be got together will be playing in the city this summer.

It is acknowledged now that the team to enter the provincial intermediate league will not be in want of playing material and the action of the club's management in inaugurating the city intermediate league was a wise one. The interest that is being shown by all of the clubs in the city is the greatest, the canvassing committee state, that Victoria has shown for many a day and augurs well for the success of the team on the field this summer.

VICTORIA WEST SOCCER

TEAM IN FINE SHAPE

One of Hardest Battles of the Season Will Be That in Ladysmith Saturday

The Victoria West intermediate soccer football team, the present champions of British Columbia, will go to Ladysmith on Saturday to play the team of that place their scheduled game in the intermediate series. These teams are old rivals and this match promises to be one of the hardest fought that place their scheduled game in the intermediate series. The Ladysmith team are said to have the strongest lineup for this match that they have ever put on the field and are determined to lower the colors of the champions. The local team are equally determined that they will come out victorious.

Mr. Taft states that the boys recognize that this game will make them go "limit to win but are confident that they can deliver the goods and that they will come through the season with an unbroken list of victories and the championship. The teams are in great condition and have been training faithfully since their last match.

The following will be the lineup of the Victoria West team: Goal, Brown; backs, Prevost, Kinkaid, halves, McQuade, Bailey, Bryden; forwards, Taft, P. Dakers, O. Kell, Ledger and Hall.

Collegiate Wm. Match.

In the junior Rugby series the Collegiate and Central schools clashed Wednesday afternoon at the Oak Bay grounds, the game resulting in a win for the former aggregation by a score of two tries to nil. Both tries were scored in the first half, the play in the last half being much more equal and strenuous. The game was an even one though not spectacular, and the Collegiate showed its superiority throughout. Grant and Procter for the Collegiate and Dickson for the Central were easily the best performers on the field.

Johnston Wants Fight.

New York, Feb. 13.—Sam Fitzpatrick is doing all in his power to bring about a match between his protégé, Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries or Tommy Burns. Jimmy Coffroth, who, dispatches from Los Angeles recently stated, had visited Jim Jeffries would like to get the match for his club in Colma, Cal., and has written to Fitzpatrick asking his terms. Fitzpatrick today replied: "If you can secure Jeffries' consent to meet Johnson we are willing to let him take 75 per cent. of the purse money no matter how the battle terminates." The conditions that Burns proposes are entirely out of the question.

CRACK NANAIMO TEAM TO BE HERE TOMORROW

Big Doubleheader in Soccer Senior Football at Oak Bay

The big headliner in tomorrow's sport fixtures will undoubtedly be the soccer football double-header that will be played in the senior series at the Oak Bay grounds. There will be two games when the big teams clash in the race for the island championship and the fastest football of the season will be dished up to the fans when the Y. M. C. A.—Nanaimo and J. B. A. A.—Esquimalt teams meet.

The result of the game between the Y. M. C. A. and Nanaimo will have much to do with deciding the championship and if the visitors are victorious it will be conceded that the championship goes north and the local team can say goodbye to having any reasonable show of coming out at the end of the season with the pennant. This will be the first meeting of these two teams and both have been playing consistent football all season, the Nanaimo team, however, have as yet to taste the dregs of defeat, while the Y. M. C. A. team have lost out some of their games in close matches. The players have been showing much better form in their recent matches and the committee of management is satisfied that with the present lineup the Nanaimo team will go down to defeat.

Some of the many reasons that are advanced for this view are that the lineup is by far the best that has worn the colors of the Y. M. C. A. team this season, the playing of Sparks at centre forward, who is considered to be one of the best men in the business, will do much to steady the line and give more confidence to the other players. Sparks has been out of the game during most of the season through an injury, but he has completely recovered and will be in the thick of the fight all through the game. He is a very heady, dashing player, and is in excellent condition. Another of the reasons advanced by the executive is that all of the players are in perfect condition and will be able to go the two halves without a letup.

Most of the men do their training at the Y. M. C. A. club rooms, besides taking long runs each day. Probably the greatest reason that the Y. M. C. A. people are so confident, however, and the reason that they lay the most stress on the fact that they are so confident is the fact that the players are not in the best of condition, the many games that the team have played and the hard practices that they indulge in is believed to have caused many of the men to grow stale, and the snap and ginger that is so essential to the winning of games will be lacking when they stack up against the Y. M. C. A. bunch, say the wise ones.

It will be remembered that the Nanaimo team only defeated the Ladysmith team in the last few minutes of the play when these two teams met last month, and as the Y. M. C. A. team gave Ladysmith team such a beating here on New Year's day the deduction is obvious. But it would be a difficult proposition to pick the winner of the game tomorrow, and many of the wise ones may lose their guess in predicting with such positiveness that Nanaimo will again win.

The Nanaimo team are not saying very much except to point at their already long list of victories and the grand form the players have been showing in their recent contests. They hint suggestively that the number of their players who are the All-Island team for the match against the All-Mainland team and name others who are as well qualified to place as the ones that were chosen.

Both teams are confident that victory will rest with them. One thing is certain and that is that the sympathy of all the other clubs in the league will be with the Y. M. C. A. boys and the rooting from the sidelines will all be coming in their direction, and it is just this sort of encouragement that sometimes helps a team out when the fight is a close one and a single goal means the match.

This is no way the teams will lineup.

Nanaimo—Goal, E. M. Whyte; fullbacks, R. Whyte and J. Struclers; halfbacks, A. Thackeray, A. Johnston, E. Kerchin; forwards, W. Young, W. Sherritt, Sparks, J. Sherritt, C. E. Berkeley, Reserves, J. Wormald, J. Martin and T. Hill.

Nanaimo United—Goal, Bradshaw; fullbacks, Hewitt and Graham; halfbacks, Snowdon, Parker and Hall; forwards, Blundell, Cruikshanks, Johnnie, Steele and Peters.

Referee—D. McDougall, Esquimalt.

Referee, Esquimalt vs. J. B. A. A.—S. C. Thomson, Y. M. C. A.

The game between the Esquimalt United and the J. B. A. A. will also afford great entertainment to the friends and admirers of these teams as the J. B. A. A. team is to be prepared to spring a surprise on representatives from the naval town. It is rumored that there will be several changes in the lineup and that the dark horses that are supposed to be getting into harness are credited with being very fast performers.

The lineup of the naval team will not have as many changes, but will meet to the city in the best of condition and determined to gown the boys from the Bay. It will be the best afternoon of Association football that has been seen in the city this season and the big crowd of spectators that will undoubtedly be present will be provided with fine sport.

LAWN TENNIS FINALS

Ladies Battle for Supremacy in Singles and Doubles in New York City

New York, Feb. 11.—The final and deciding rounds of the women's indoor lawn tennis tournament were reached today in both singles and doubles on the courts of the Seventh Regiment Armory. In the singles Mrs. Frederick Schmitz, England, defeated Miss Alice L. Day, New Jersey state champion, 6-4, 6-4. Miss Marie Wagner defeated Mrs. C. W. Chapman 7-5, 4-6, 9-7.

Mrs. W. E. Peck and Miss E. H. Moore, the former champions, beat Mrs. A. H. McCarthy and Miss M. Johnson in the finals of the doubles. The former champions defeated Miss F. H. Platt and Mrs. C. H. Chapman, middle states' holders, 6-3, 6-1. Mrs. McCarthy and Miss Johnson defeated Miss Wagner and Miss Alkins, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. Both of the championships will be decided tomorrow.

Iceland holds the record for centenarians.

LONG DISTANCE MEN FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Big Tournament Arrangements Cause Much Trouble in Many Countries

Mr. A. B. George, the well known English sporting writer, has the following to say concerning the Olympic games:

France is not the only country in which there is trouble in regard to the Olympic games. As most sportsmen probably know, the French sporting bodies propose standing aloof from the festival because the French Olympic committee is not representative of the associations governing pastimes in the country. Fortunately there is a chance that the difficulty may be overcome before long, as Lord Desborough, president of the English Olympic committee, has gone to France with the idea of trying to adjust the trouble. More trouble exists in Canada and the United States, though perhaps not of such a serious nature in the former country are two governing athletic bodies, between which there is considerable friction. Fortunately the leaders on each side recognize that Canada's chance of showing up well at the games will be improved if the differences are dropped for a time and so a truce has been called. This is wise and corresponds with the action of our own athletic and cycling bodies, which at one time looked likely to break off relationships. The trouble in the States is over the appointment of Mr. Haplin as manager of the American team. He filled that position at Athens in 1906, but most of the athletes who represented Uncle Sam then object to his again acting as manager. A lot of dirty linen has been washed in public as a consequence of this. Haplin having brought various charges—including professionalism, thievery and drunkenness—against certain of the 1906 team. It looked as though Haplin had caused to find fault with some of the athletes under his charge, and they now want to get him out of this job. The Amateur Athletic Union, however, will stick to Haplin, and probably the trouble will soon be adjusted, so that our country will be properly represented by the way. It has been estimated that the cost of sending America's representatives to the Olympic games will amount to \$10,000.

Four Marathon races have been decided in connection with the Olympic games, and have been won by Greek, French, United States and Canadian athletes, respectively. English athletes have so far made no serious show of score, but it is safe to say matters will be different next summer. It is satisfactory to be able to state that our athletic club officials are waking up to the fact that the trial races are necessary if we are to discover really fine stars. The Salford Harriers will promote a twenty-mile scratch race at the end of the cross-country season and the Liverpool and District Cross-country associations also propose catering for long distance cracks by holding a 15 or 18 miles road race early in April. We want to see a dozen other clubs or associations to follow suit and then home athletes will have a chance of distinguishing themselves. In the meantime some of us in the old country are necessary awaiting the attitude of the colonies. After I. W. Sherring's victory in the last Marathon race it is certain Canada will send over a few good representatives. What of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and other parts of the globe, where the British flag flies, however? We have Stanley Rowley, B. R. Kerrin, C. Heaton and others at Australia; G. H. Smith of New Zealand; Norman Pritchard, of India; the brothers Blignaut and H. Morkel, of South Africa, over here in the past, but in the coming summer our overseas kinsmen ought to make special effort. The range is a wide one, as runners, walkers, hurdlers, jumpers, weight throwers, cyclists, wrestlers, swimmers, rowers, footballers, tennis, golf, racquet and lawn tennis players, rifle, revolver and clay bird shooters, gymnasts, and of course men, etc., are all catered for. With all this list of competitors to choose from, it should not be difficult for every part of the empire to be represented.

Y. M. C. A. Intermediate Line-Up

The line-up of the Y. M. C. A. Intermediate team to play Nanaimo in that town tomorrow, is as follows: Goal, Carne; backs, Kelsall, Cowper; halves, Crompton, Petch, Brown; forwards, Lineham, Snow, H. Sherritt, Howden and McKittick.

Equalled World's Record.

New York, Feb. 13.—Forrest Smithson, the hurdler of Portland, Ore., equalled the world's record of running sixty yards over high hurdle twice last night at the carnival of the Irish-American Athletic club, held in Mason Square Garden. Smithson won his heat from scratch in the record figures of 8 1-5 seconds and was caught in the same time in the final heat. Some of the watches had eight seconds flat in the final, so the Oregon flier came close to setting a new world's record, easily won the event.

To Read Character.

A forehead that curves back reveals a poetic temperament, a fondness for the arts and a talent for either music or painting.

A straight forehead, one that rises from the eyebrows in a perpendicular line, is a sign of severity, inflexibility and tenacity.

A high forehead, to be very good, should be well developed about the eyebrows.

If there is quite a perceptible bulge of the eyebrows, combined with a high forehead, the sign is of a calm, cool, deliberate thinker.

If with a high forehead is combined a forehead that slopes downward, a sensitive, poetic temperament is disclosed; if, again, they are combined with a short, narrow forehead, the subject will be successful in business and in everything connected with worldly matters, but he will be incapable of appreciating to any extent or of creating anything connected with the arts.

Breadth of forehead is always favorable; it is distinctly connected with breadth of character.

Of course a broad forehead may be part of a weak face, which will naturally define the limits of character much closer than even a combination of a narrow forehead with an otherwise strong face.

His Unhappy Marriage.

William James, the famous psychologist of Harvard, said at a dinner in Boston:

"An odour often recalls to us a childhood scene. A voice brings back memories that we had thought buried forever. As we regard some strange landscape, it often seems to us that we have been just here before. The oddest the most momentous associations oftentimes attach themselves to the most trifling things."

"Thus, at a Thanksgiving dinner that I once attended, the hostess said to a sour-faced man on her left:

"May I help you to some of the boiled rice, Mr. Smith?"

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CREW REACHED ISLAND

Shipwrecked Men Taken to Santa Barbara—No Insurance Carried on Vessel

The sealing schooner Ella G. of this city, with a catch of 42 sealskins, has been totally wrecked on the southern California coast, according to despatches received yesterday from Santa Rosa Island, where the vessel drove ashore and battered to pieces on February 2. Santa Rosa Island is one of three islands, lying well off shore, in 34 north 121 west, other islands of the group being Santa Miguel and Santa Cruz, to which the shipwrecked sealers escaped, and from which they were carried to Santa Barbara by a small schooner. The vessel is not insured. After leaving Victoria, November 18 last, the Ella G. made her way south to meet the northbound seal-herd, and until her rudder broke when off the southern Californian coast, January 17, she had taken 42 skins. When the accident occurred Capt. Lomp endeavored to rig a jury rudder, and made toward Santa Rosa Island, where on February 2, during a storm, the vessel drove on to the rocks and broke up soon afterward. No particulars have been received regarding the experiences of the crew.

Shortly before sailing efforts were made to insure the schooner for \$425 in an English insurance company's local agency. The application was referred to the home office of the company, which asked that a survey of the vessel be held before the insurance be written. In the meantime the vessel had sailed. Efforts were similarly made to insure supplies and outfit placed on board, much of which was advanced by a local wholesale house, for \$400, but for similar reasons the insurance was not effected.

The Ella G. was a small "pinkie" schooner of 20 1/2 tons gross, 18 1/2 tons net, owned by Capt. John C. Voss of this city. Now at sea engaged in sealing as master of the schooner Jessie. Capt. Lomp, who had been engaged as a hunter on the schooner Thomas F. Bayard last season, made arrangement with Capt. Voss last November to take the Ella G. this season, and sailed in November last, being the first to leave port for the sealing grounds. Capt. Voss was out sealing in the schooner last season, and was enthusiastic with regard to her sea qualities.

The crew of the Ella G. consisted of nine men, mostly residents of Victoria. Those on board were J. Lomp, of Victoria; master; A. McNamee, of Clivedale, Scotland, mate; J. Chapman, of Victoria, hunter; Angus Hastings, of Musquodibee, near Halifax, Nova Scotia, hunter; Charles Hansen, of 5 Alfred street, Victoria, sailor and boatman; Harry Gordon, of Harrisburg, N. S., sailor and boatman; Alex. Lunn, of Edinburgh, Scotland, sailor and boatman; R. McClure, of Dartmouth, N. S., sailor and boatman, and Nakamura, of 202 Government street, cook. The Ella G. was formerly a fishing schooner owned in Seattle. Five or six years ago she was engaged in halibut fishing off the west coast of Vancouver Island, and put into Clayoquot harbor, a strait of waters, where she anchored there she dragged her anchor and drove ashore on the sand spit near Stockham & Dawley's store. The fishermen abandoned her, and she was sold to Mr. Stockham for \$275. He floated her, and brought her to Victoria, where she was repaired and placed in good sea-going condition.

Some time later she was sold to Port Pirie, where she was again placed in the fishing business off the west coast with Capt. Alex. McLean and Edward Forrest, of this city, as master and mate, respectively. The venture was not a success, however. Some good trips were made, but afterward the delays were too long, and before the schooner made her way back to port the fish was unsalable. While in charge of Alex. McLean, who a year before had left the schooner Carmichael, afterward the Acapulco, with an indictment for alleged illegal sealing, issued by a San Francisco court, hanging over him, the Ella G. was reported wrecked in January, 1906, shortly prior to the Valencia disaster. A despatch was seen from Carmichael, in which it was believed the Ella G. had capsized, but shortly afterward she returned to Uclulet.

While engaged in fishing in command of Capt. McLean the Ella G. was taken into Neah Bay to shelter from a howling gale. While there a United States revenue cutter put in for shelter, and McLean, thinking the revenue officers were seeking him on account of the charges arising out of alleged illegal sealing in northern waters, set sail and ran out in the teeth of the storm, making his way to Uclulet.

About eighteen months ago Capt. J. C. Voss, who not long before had returned from his memorable trip around the world in the small yacht of four tons, the Tulkum, fashioned from an Indian war canoe, bought the controlling interest in the vessel, and she was registered at the local customs house in his name. He made a successful sealing cruise in the vessel, and was making preparations to go out again this season when Capt. J. Lomp made arrangements with him to take her out, and left last November for the southern coast, being unreported since then, until yesterday, when the news of the disaster reached the city.

The Chilean government has put a bill before parliament for granting an annual subsidy of \$20,000 for five years to a steamship company which will guarantee to run steamers from Valparaiso to Panama in eight days.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast, 15 miles an hour. Out, steamer Greenwich, from Victoria for Callao.
Neah Bay, 8 a.m.—Anchored schooner Fred E. Sander.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind east, 20 miles an hour. Out, schooner Fred E. Sander, towing.

(By Wireless)
Tatoosh, 9 a.m.—Light rain, wind southeast 15 miles an hour. Barometer 30.25; temperature 40. No shipping. Schooner Fred E. Sander in bay at Neah Bay.

Estevan, 9 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast, sea making. Steamer Tees passed outbound at 6 a.m. Pachena, 9 a.m.—Raining, wind southeast. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 2 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast, 15 miles an hour. Barometer 30.22; temperature 42. Passed in at 9.25 a.m. schooner Fred E. Sander. Outside, bound in, a steamer.

Pachena, 2 p.m.—Thick, raining, wind southeast. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Light rain, wind southeast, 13 miles an hour. Barometer 30.16; temperature 42. Passed inward at 1 p.m. schooner Charles Nelson from San Francisco for Seattle.

At 5 p.m., a three-masted steamer with black hull, red stack, black top, clipper bow, steamer Aorangi from Australia for Victoria.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Thick, raining, wind southeast. No shipping.

Estevan 6 p.m.—Stormy with rain. Wind east. No shipping.

(By Government Wire)
Carmahna, 9 a.m.—Moderate southeast wind, rain. Barometer 30.15.

Carmahna, 1 p.m.—Fresh southeast wind, hazy; sea smooth. Barometer 30.15.
Carmahna, 6 p.m.—Moderate easterly wind, rain. Sea moderate. Barometer 30.10.
Cape Beale, 6 p.m.—Strong southeast wind, rain; sea making.

IN POOR CONDITION

U. S. Warship St. Louis Reported To Have Been Strained By Voyage

According to despatches from Valjejo, the United States battleship St. Louis is not in a very good condition, and the department authorities have been petitioned to place her out of commission, but this request has been denied, as the ship was only recently constructed. In the east. Notwithstanding this fact, the cruiser is said to have been nearly pounded to pieces while coming around from the Eastern coast several months ago.

Although the St. Louis is a sister ship of the Milwaukee, local officers state that the Milwaukee, which was constructed on this coast is a far better ship. It is thought, however, that after her target practice is completed, the St. Louis will be placed out of commission with the Colorado of the Big Four Squadron, which is also said to be in a bad condition and their crews transferred to the battleships Oregon and Wisconsin.

WRECK OF SATSUMA

Japanese Schooner Went Ashore Last November—Crew Encamped on Beach Since

Further advices from Juneau regarding the wreck of the Japanese schooner Satsuma maru of Hakodate, which drove ashore near Yakutat, say that Capt. Fuji and 19 Japanese escaped from the vessel and are encamped on the beach. The schooner was wrecked November 15 and the shipwrecked Japanese were unable to make their plight known for some months. Capt. Fuji is a passenger bound to Seattle on the steamer Jeanie from Valdes.

EMPRESS OF CHINA

MAKES FAST PASSAGE

Gains One Day And Will Pay But One Day's Fine—Monteagle En Route

The R. M. S. Empress of China of the C. P. R. Oriental service reached Hongkong yesterday at 6 p. m. with the Overseas Mail, three days behind her schedule time. She left Vancouver four days late, having been delayed awaiting the mails, which were brought across by the Atlantic by the Allan liner Corsican, which made a detour to pick up the Empress of China made up one day on the voyage to Hongkong. As two days are given beyond the schedule time of the steamer for the delivery of the mails, the company will have to pay a fine for one day's delay—\$500.

The steamer Monteagle, of the C. P. R., the next inward vessel of the line, left Yokohama for this port on Saturday last, and is due here February 22. She has a small complement of passengers, and a large cargo. The steamer Tosa maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, left Yokohama three days before the Monteagle, and is due here February 20. The Tosa maru has the smallest complement of passengers and lightest freight for this port brought by any of the Japanese liners for some time, only 47 passengers and 165 tons of freight. The steamer Ningchow, of the Blue Funnel line, left Yokohama February 6, and is due here on the same date as the Tosa maru, with 900 tons of general freight for local merchants.

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan left Hongkong yesterday for Victoria via the usual ports of call, and is due on March 1.

CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINER FULLY DUE

Aorangi Is Expected in Port Today From Antipodes—Has Much Frozen Mutton

The R. M. S. Aorangi of the Canadian-Australian line is expected to reach port this morning from Sydney, via Brisbane, Suva and Honolulu, which port she left Thursday, February 6. The Aorangi, which has a large amount of frozen mutton, of which about 600 carcasses are to be landed here, as well as general cargo left Sydney, N. S.W., January 20; Brisbane, January 23; Suva, January 28, and Honolulu, February 6. L. S. Eaton, immigration officer appointed by the provincial government under the recently enacted immigration act will meet the steamer armed with the forms to be filled by any immigrants arriving by the steamer who must write in English or a language of Europe before being allowed to land. It is improbable that any Japanese will arrive by the steamer, as the regulation of the federal government, which provides that all Japanese or other immigrants must come direct from their place of birth or citizenship by continuous voyage.

The Mowera, which is making her last voyage homeward from this port, reached Honolulu Saturday from this port is due at Suva Tuesday next. The steamer Moana will follow the Aorangi, leaving Sydney next Monday. She will be followed by the new steamer Marama on March 16.

The next outward steamer for the Antipodes will be the Den of Futhven, of the Alley line, leaving tomorrow, she is now loading lumber at Chemainus and will arrive in port, probably this afternoon to load salmon for Suva and Levuka.

INVENTOR OF STEAM STEERING GEAR DEAD

James Macfarlane Gray, Who Gave Valuable Machine To Steamers, Passes Away

The death has occurred at Edinburgh, Scotland, at the age of 76 of John Macfarlane Gray, late chief examiner of engineers of the board of trade, and inventor of steam steering gear, which he designed in 1866 and which was first applied to the Great Eastern. It was then by no means easily handled contrivance which proves such an aid to navigation in these days. What difficulties this invention surmounted may be gauged when it is stated that in an armored cruiser a hundred men were some time required to work the steering gear when the ship was running at full speed, while it required one and a half minutes and 78 men to put the helm of the Minotaur over to 25 degrees, but with steam, two men sufficed to put the helm over 35 degrees in 16 seconds.

STEAMERS FROM KOBE HELD AT QUARANTINE

Epidemic Continues At the Japanese Port—Victims Conceal Illness From Officials

Since the arrival of the steamer Bellerophon on January 22 with five cases of smallpox on board, three other liners from Japanese ports have been detained at Pacific coast ports owing to smallpox. The steamer Kaga maru was held at William Head, the steamer Minatogawa was quarantined at Port Townsend with three cases on board, and smallpox was discovered on the steamer Hongkong maru, which recently reached San Francisco.

Advices received in yesterday's mails from Kobe, state that an average of 100 new cases daily are being reported there. The Kobe Herald says: "The police authorities are taking very active measures to check the outbreak. For some days past policemen on duty have been engaged in making domiciliary visits with a view to discovering concealed cases of the disease. On January 16, for instance, one hundred and thirty policemen visited 19,088 houses, having 40, 429 inspections, with the result that twenty-three cases of concealment were discovered. Altogether, it is known that there have been several hundred instances of concealment since the commencement of the epidemic in November, a circumstance which doubtless largely accounts for the spread of the disease. The fact seems to be that the more ignorant classes do not appreciate the seriousness of the disease, and have a superstitious belief that it can be cured by incantations and other mystic rites. The police are therefore contemplating the prosecution of persons who encourage the ignorant to resort to superstitious practices in this connection. Houses to house visits are also being paid in order to secure the vaccination of the inmates."

ROSALIE WILL ARRIVE FROM SEATTLE TODAY

After Failing To Make Agreement For Withdrawal of C. P. R. Steamer Cut Was Made

This afternoon at 3 p. m., or thereabouts the old steamer Rosalie will be back again on the Victoria-Seattle route, after an absence of some years, the Alaska Steamship company having withdrawn the Chippewa and replaced her with the smaller steamer House to house visits are also being paid in order to secure the vaccination of the inmates.

readily pay \$2 to travel on the steamer Princess Royal as 50 cents to travel by the Rosalie. It is understood the Rosalie is to be used for a month, while the Chippewa is undergoing an overhauling, and then the steamer will be returned to the route, the fare arranged for the Chippewa being, probably, about \$1 each way.

Although the C. P. R. Steamship company has not yet given any sign of entering a rate war with the Alaska Steamship company, it is generally considered that with the spring travel about a month hence there will be a rate war. The steamer Princess Royal will probably remain on the service until needed for the Skagway service in April, when the steamer Princess Victoria will again enter the service.

A short time ago, it seems, Joshua Green, manager of the Alaska Steamship company's service, came to Victoria and endeavored to make an arrangement with the C. P. R. to withdraw the steamer Princess Royal from the route. Mr. Green held that there was not sufficient business for two steamers, and he was willing to abandon the use of the wharf built for his company if the C. P. R. would withdraw the Princess Royal. In which event he would agree to have his steamer, the Chippewa, come and go from the C. P. R. wharf. The C. P. R. was unwilling to withdraw the Princess Royal, or to consider any proposition to that end. Mr. Green then the replacing of the Chippewa by the Rosalie, and the reduction of the fare to 50 cents, followed.

WAR RISKS STILL QUOTED AT LLOYD'S

Business Being Done On Steamers At Five Per Cent to Insure Against Possible Hostilities

The reinsurance market of late has seen considerable speculation regarding the possibilities of a war between the United States and Japan. Fairplay, the well known British shipping journal, says: "That is, it is not considered that there is any real risk against the risk of war being declared between the United States and Japan during the ensuing twelve months, the rate of premium charged being five per cent. This seems to be regarded as a somewhat nominal rate, but considering that many high-class steamers are covered at this rate for twelve months against all risks, it appears to be that five per cent. against the risk of war breaking out between the countries named within twelve months from the present time is a somewhat substantial figure." It is understood much business has been done at this rate.

The Italian ship Blanche, 142 days from San Francisco for Sharpness, has been added to the existing list of reinsurance being quoted at 10 1/2 per cent. The British bark Sunlight, of Lever & Co., from Port Pirie for Falmouth, and the British ship Dovenby, from Cardiff for Valparaiso with coal, both quoted for reinsurance at 10 per cent, have arrived safely at their destinations.

Port Nolloth is not much frequented by shipping, but, by a strange coincidence, the only two steamers outward bound from Cardiff for that port were both on the overdue market. The Arizona, which figured at 35 guineas per cent., was on the list for some considerable time, and recently arrived, and underwriters now think that the Wollie, which left Cardiff on November 18, should have arrived ere this. The vessel was being dealt in at 8 per cent. against "total loss only."

RECORD OF YEAR'S BUILDING OF SHIPS

Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping Gives Some Interesting Statistics

According to Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping, received by T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor, there were launched in Great Britain during 1907, exclusive of warships, 841 vessels, of 1,697,899 tons gross, of which 752, of 1,581,621 tons gross, were sailing vessels. The warships launched at both government and private yards amounted to 36, of 134,475 tons displacement, the total output of Great Britain for the year being, therefore, 877 vessels, of 1,742,365 tons. The output of mercantile tonnage in Great Britain in 1907 was 220,200 tons less than that of 1906, which is the highest output since 1894, when 240,000 tons of war vessels was 26,025 tons more than in 1906. It is interesting to note that over 99.9 per cent. of the tonnage launched was built of steel and 98.1-3 per cent. is composed of steam tonnage. Of the total, 65 per cent., or 1,059,319 tons, was built for registration in Great Britain. Sales of British ships to foreign and colonial owners during the year reached a total of 424,000 tons, but on the other hand 2,211 tons were built abroad for British owners and purchases during the year amounted to 46,000 tons. Deducting vessels lost or broken up during the year, the sailing tonnage of the United Kingdom would thus appear to have decreased about 102,000 tons, and the steam tonnage to have increased 52,000 tons, or a net increase of 46,800 tons. The United States tonnage for the year (474,475 tons) is nearly 34,000 tons larger than that of the previous year. German tonnage launched in 1907 was 276,000 or 43,000 tons less than in 1906.

A summary of the report shows that the total output of the world during 1907 (exclusive of warships) was 2,778,088 tons, of which 2,052,284 were steam, and 725,804 were sailing. Deducting losses during the year, the net increase of the world's mercantile tonnage during 1907 is 1,884,800. Sailing tonnage has been reduced by 180,000 tons, while steam tonnage has increased 2,164,800 tons. Of the total merchant tonnage output of the world during 1907, 38 per cent. was launched in Great Britain, and of the total tonnage launched during the year the United Kingdom has acquired over 38 per cent.

The report says: At the present time there are under construction 32 vessels of 6,000 tons and upwards, of which 10 are of over 10,000 tons each. The largest steamers which have been launched during 1907 are the following:

Tons gross.
Asturias 12,200
Corsican 11,438
Pericles 11,400
Avon 11,073
Helopolls 10,897
Cairo 10,864
It may be noted that the average tonnage of vessels launched in the

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United Kingdom during 1907 is 1,914 tons; but if steamers of less than 500 tons are excluded the average of the remaining steamers reaches 3,160 tons gross.

The Glasgow district occupies the first place among the principal ship-building centres of the country, showing an output of 354,423 tons. Then follow in order Newcastle (292,914 tons), Sunderland (291,606 tons), Greenock (214,484 tons), Middlesbrough (188,621 tons), Belfast (128,933 tons), and Hartlepool (94,469 tons). In warship tonnage the leading ports are Newcastle (38,092 tons) and Glasgow (34,751 tons).

The number of steamers in which the turbine method of propulsion has been adopted is steadily progressing. During 1907 ten such vessels have been launched in the United Kingdom. Their names are as follows:

Tons gross.	Tons net.
Helopolls 10,897	10,864
Cairo 10,864	10,831
Maori 3,450	3,417
Copenhagen 2,500	2,467
Empress 1,695	1,662
Victoria 1,689	1,656
Hirafu maru 1,484	1,451
Tamara maru 1,484	1,451
Royal Yacht Alexandra (displacement) 2,050	2,017

In addition to several of the above steamers, which are not yet finished, there are at present under construction in the United Kingdom about 6,100 other merchant vessels of about 6,100 tons which are to be fitted with steam turbines and two others of about 21-230 tons which will have turbines as well as reciprocating engines.

It may be stated that all the merchant vessels fitted with turbines, which were launched during the year, will have a speed ranging from 18 to over 22 knots.

The records for the year under review include 35 vessels of the turret-deck, trunk-deck and wing tank types; 178 steam trawlers and other fishing vessels; 43 dredgers, barges, etc.; 23 tugs; 7 yachts; and other vessels designed for special service. Besides these, 96 vessels, principally intended for river and harbor purposes, have been built in the United Kingdom and taken to pieces for shipment abroad.

During a storm at San Francisco on Sunday last the waves in the bay at San Francisco were very high, sweeping some of the vessels. Dan Cotter, a deckhand of the tug Defiance, was swept overboard from the tug and drowned.

By virtue of the new convention between the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Japanese company yields up entirely to the German company the maritime traffic in Singapore, Bangkok, Hongkong, Swatow, and Hiohwa.

Alex. Watson has laid the keel for the new steamwheel freighter steamer to be built at his yard at the foot of Garry road as a struggle which saps the life of the Skeena river.

Fairplay says the Canadian Pacific railway has under consideration the starting of a steamship line from Antwerp, calling at French ports, and the Allan line is also said to be arranging to put on a weekly service between Canada and France.

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If you are sincere, if you are strong, if you are not transparent, there is a cloudiness, a haze about your character, which raises the interrogation point wherever you go.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Vessel.	From.	Due.
Ning Chow	From the Orient.	Feb. 19
Kumerie	From the Orient.	Feb. 20
Tosa Maru	From the Orient.	Feb. 20
Empress of Japan	From the Orient.	Mar. 1
Empress of China	From the Orient.	Mar. 30
Aorangi	From Australia.	Feb. 13
Moana	From Australia.	Mar. 12
Georgia	From Liverpool.	Feb. 20
Ning Chow	From Liverpool.	Dec. 5
Antiochus	From Liverpool.	Jan. 4
Teucer	From Liverpool.	Feb. 2
Princess May	From Skagway.	Feb. 19
Queen City	From Skagway.	Feb. 13
Amur	From Skagway.	Feb. 13
Tees	From West Coast.	Feb. 16
City of Puebla	From San Francisco.	Feb. 16
Umatilla	From San Francisco.	Feb. 23
City of Puebla	From San Francisco.	Mar. 1
Umatilla	From San Francisco.	Mar. 8

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ROLL CALL OF PYTHIANS

Victoria Lodge Hold Interesting Session—Exceptionally Good Financial Condition

A feature of the regular session of Victoria lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, held last evening was a "roll call," which was attended by upwards of ninety members out of a total membership of 185. In opening the ceremonies the chairman, A. Rusta, P. C., after paying a tribute to the deceased members, gave a brief but interesting history of the lodge from its inception, stating in part, that it was organized on August 3, 1893, with a membership of twenty-one, and had, by dint of perseverance of its members reached its present successful condition. In its existence the lodge has paid out in relief and sick benefits upwards of \$15,000, and has now assets of the value of \$6,000, and no liabilities. After the roll call refreshments were served, and a programme consisting of songs, recitations and speeches was rendered.

McPHILLIPS' BILL IN COMMITTEE

(Continued from Page Two) has now their claims under consideration. Notices of Motion. The following notices of motion are given: Hon. Mr. Bowser to move, in committee of the whole on bill No. 33, entitled: An Act to Enable the City of Nelson to Borrow Eighty-five Thousand Dollars for Electric Light and Power purposes, to insert after section 2 the following as section 3 of the bill: 3. This act shall come into force upon proclamation by the lieutenant-governor in council. On Monday next, Mr. Macdonald to

ask leave to introduce a bill entitled An Act to Amend the Provincial Home

Mr. Hawthorthwaite to move, in committee of the whole and upon consideration of the report on bill No. 15, entitled: An Act for the Protection of Persons Employed in Factories, the following amendments: To strike out subsection (a) of section 4. To strike out the word "child" in first line of section 7.

The object of this last proposed amendment is to prevent the employment of children within the meaning of the act, in factories, and a child, as here employed, includes all boys under 14 and all girls under 15.

House Adjourns.

On motion of the hon. the premier, the house adjourned at 5:20 o'clock.

Questions For Ministers.

Dr. Hall, Nelson, today will ask the following questions of the chief commissioner of lands and works: 1. What municipalities pay to the government fees for water for domestic use? And for power? 2. What is the amount received by the government from each municipality water fees for domestic use? And for power? 3. Is it the intention of the government to exempt municipalities from the payment of water records for consumption for domestic use? And for power or light purposes? Mr. Oliver will today ask the following questions of the chief commissioner of lands and works:

1. What quantities of coal were purchased by the government during the year 1907 at each of the following points: Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster? 2. What price was paid per ton (state whether short or long ton) in each case? 3. Who supplied the coal in each case? 4. Were tenders for the supply of coal called for? 5. If not, why not? No. 489. No 489 Step Ladder is the best and most durable on the market. Made of selected material and well put together with screws (not nails). Brackets for buckets, etc., can't collapse. 6 feet size, handy for house use, \$2.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

MUTINEERS PARDONED

King Manuel's Reign Commences With Act of Clemency—Strange Action of Cabinet

Lisbon, Feb. 13.—The council of state has decided to pardon all the sailors imprisoned for the fleet mutiny in April, 1906. King Manuel, who presided, inserted the following at the beginning of the decree: "It is my dearest wish to begin my reign in availing myself of the prerogative of pardon which the constitution gives me."

At the close of the proceedings the King bade farewell to his comrades of the naval academy, where he was pursuing his studies when called to the throne under such tragic circumstances.

One of the first measures of the new ministry will submit to the cortes will be the bill for the reorganization of the police.

The cabinet council has resolved not to rescind the dictatorial decree promulgated during the last days of King Carlos' reign, except those considered offensive to the public dignity. This action of the cabinet has caused the utmost astonishment.

Winnipeg Electric Railway.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Electric railway company was held yesterday in the company's offices in Winnipeg. The members of the board of directors of last year were re-elected. The annual financial statement was presented, which showed that the gross earnings of the company for the past year were \$1,726,000. The balance sheets have not yet been made out, but will appear in the published statement, which is in course of preparation.

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INCREASES POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES

Bill Amending the Municipal Clauses Act Introduced Into the Legislature

Sweeping powers are granted municipalities by a bill amending the Municipal Clauses act which was introduced and read a first time by the legislature yesterday. Some twelve amendments in all are proposed.

The chief provisions of the bill are as follows: This act may be cited as the "Municipal Clauses Act Amendment Act, 1908."

Section 50 of chapter 32 of the Statutes of 1906, being the Municipal Clauses act, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-sections:

(13a.) For negotiating agreements with any company or persons authorized by statute to supply or supplying electric light or power or telephone facilities within the municipality, for the placing of wires underground in streets, and for the removal of existing poles and wires from the streets within the municipality, or within any specified portion thereof; to make any arrangements as to the cost of the proportion of the cost to be borne by the municipality; to enter into and give effect to any such agreement; to assess and levy and collect the cost of the work or such portion as is to be borne by the municipality, on the lands and improvements in the municipality, or in such specified area, in the same manner and with the like incidents, as special rates are assessed, levied and collected under this act; and for digging up or authorizing and empowering the digging up of the roadbed of any road, street, lane, alley or thoroughfare under the jurisdiction of the council, and the construction, maintenance, repair, altering and replacement of tunnels and conduits for electric light or power or telephone cables and wires, fittings and apparatus; and for the entry upon lands and real property for the purpose of making any necessary surveys, particulars, and specifications, with or without the consent of the owners or occupiers, and the municipality is hereby empowered to enter upon any of the said lands within the city and to dig the ground and construct tunnels and underground conduits and to carry wires, cables and necessary fittings and apparatus therein, and to place poles upon the said lands, and to attach thereto wires and other telephone apparatus and to affix the same to buildings and other improvements upon said lands and to carry such wires over and across such lands and improvements, and to operate, maintain, alter and replace the same, and for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, operation, alteration and maintenance and repair to, from time to time, enter upon the said lands, and for the exercise of any of the powers hereby granted the municipality shall pay such compensation as may be agreed upon, or in the event of failure to agree shall pay such compensation as shall be determined by arbitration in the manner directed by section 251 and the sub-section of the Municipal Clauses act. And every owner or occupier shall, upon payment or tender of the sum awarded, execute to the municipality a proper grant of the right and easement of the land, the terms of such grant to be, in case of dispute, settled by the arbitrators in any subsequent award which they are hereby authorized from time to time to make, and any power of entry, easement or right thereby given may, under the terms and conditions to be declared by by-law of the municipality, be delegated to any person, company, and after such delegation or grant such company shall and may have and exercise all or any of the rights, powers and privileges which are hereby given to the municipality.

(19a.) In city municipalities of over ten thousand inhabitants, such regulations of the city requires, not specifically provided for by this section and sub-sections.

(42a.) To regulate the placing of poles and wires and the replacing of poles in case of permanent sidewalks or permanent work, and with due regard to existing contracts to compel wires to be placed underground in certain specified localities and along specified streets and bridges. By adding at the end of sub-section (51) of said section 50 the following words:

And to regulate dance-halls, skating-rinks, and all places of amusement, with power to prohibit same in certain portions of the city where the existence of the same will diminish the value of assessable residential property.

To add the following new sub-section to said section 50:

(72a.) The adulteration of food stuff, and to make regulations for the suppression of adulteration prejudicial to the purchaser, or prejudicial to the health of the consumer, and for the appointment of an inspector.

(85a.) To establish, construct, maintain and operate a public incinerator; to compel owners or occupiers of land to provide to have brought to such public incinerator all trade waste, house garbage, rubbish and any noxious, offensive or unwholesome matter or substance upon the premises of such owners or occupiers; to define what shall be deemed trade waste; to establish a scale of charges payable to such owners or occupiers for the removal of such trade waste, garbage and matter, and for the destruction of same, and for compelling payment of the charges so fixed, and for imposing penalties for neglecting to remove, or have removed and brought, to the public incinerator such trade waste, garbage and other matter.

(98a.) To expropriate, in all cases where land is required for the purposes of this act, any leasehold interest, and any estate, right, title or interest in such lands or real property, or any easement or right in, over, under or upon the same.

(104a.) To regulate the mode of selling and delivering coal, and for compelling the weighing of coal sold, either in the yard of the person selling the same or on the city scales, and for regulating the giving of tickets or certificates of weight by the seller of the coal and by some official; and for the keeping of records by such official of coal weighed, and for payment of a reasonable fee, and to compel the weighing of coal on each vehicle used in delivering coal, and for

compelling the weighing at the request of the purchaser when the purchase is of less quantity than one ton, and for providing penalties or forfeitures in neglect to weigh, or for breach of the regulations made hereunder:

(104b.) To regulate the mode of sale and delivery of cordwood, including cordwood brought into the city from outside the corporate limits, and to require all cordwood sold to be delivered in vehicles or on carts, measured and adjusted as to contain a cord of wood, and for compelling the delivery by the seller to the purchaser of a ticket correctly stating the measure supplied, and for compelling measurement at the city market by an official, and payment of a reasonable fee, and the giving of tickets of measurement, and for the marking of such cordwood, and for the keeping of records by such official, and for regulating the mode of loading cordwood on vehicles; and for providing penalties for obliterating or defacing the mark placed on cordwood by any official, or the alteration or destruction of any ticket, and the breach of any regulation.

(130a.) The powers in sub-sections (142) to (130), both inclusive, and (172), relating to drainage and sewerage works, shall be deemed to refer and have relation to sewers for the carrying away of sewage, and drain for the carrying away of surface and other waters, and all and every the powers by such sub-sections given with relation to sewers, shall be applicable to all drainage works: Provided always, that this sub-section shall apply only to such municipalities as have heretofore, or shall hereafter, adopt a separate system of sewerage and drainage.

(141a.) To regulate the location, construction and use of breweries, stables, sawmills, chemical works, paint works, soap works, livery stables, pigsties, blacksmith shops, foundries, laundry and washhouse buildings, and other businesses, or cabins, which may, if unrestricted as to location, tend to reduce the value of assessable property.

(143a.) For compelling the fencing of unfenced lands fronting on the public streets and highways, and to compel the owner, before constructing any fence contiguous to the public street or highway, to obtain from a municipal officer appointed for that purpose the line of the street, and for imposing penalties for constructing fences without obtaining same, and to regulate the mode of applying for and the ascertaining and giving of the line of the street, with power to fix a charge, not exceeding five dollars, for the giving of such line.

3. Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:

"157A. Licence taxes or payments, taxes, rates or rents and charges for work or services done, on default of owners of real property or others, under the provisions of a municipal by-law, resolution or order, shall be fully payable for the use of the municipality may be recovered upon complaint before a justice of the peace or a police or stipendiary magistrate, in exercise of the jurisdiction conferred upon such justices or magistrates by the 'Summary Convictions Act,' under the procedure prescribed by such act. Where there is no collector of rates showing the debt, a sworn declaration by the clerk to the municipal council, or other officer to whom the debt is payable, deposing to the debt shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of the debt."

4. Sub-section (4) of section 175 of said act is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:

"(4.) From any person not having a retail license as above, and vending spirituous or fermented liquors by wholesale, that is to say: in quantities of not less than two gallons for each house or place, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars for every six months."

5. Section 175 of said chapter 32 is hereby amended by adding the following sub-section:

"30a.) From every person carrying on in a city municipality a retail business in a department store, for every distinctive line of goods, not exceeding the maximum tax hereunder for licenses, that the municipal council shall, before imposing the above tax, by by-law determine what lines of goods may be sold in one retail store under one license, and such council shall have regard to well established local custom."

6. Said chapter 32 is further amended by adding thereto the following section:

"32A. The council of any city municipality may enter upon any land shown on any plan at any time heretofore or now registered, deposited, recorded or filed in the land registry as a street, lane or alley, whether for public use or for the use of any more owners, and may construct thereon any sewer or drain or other work for public use and as from the registration in the land registry of a plan showing any such street, lane or alley, the said street, lane or alley shall, at the election of the council, to be exercised by by-law, be and become subject to the jurisdiction in all things of the council as if a public street, lane or alley, and shall be dedicated to public use, and all owners or other persons interested in the land shall be entitled to compensation for such entry, construction or other exercise of jurisdiction."

7. Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following section:

"42b. Any municipal council may in, upon and over public streets, highways and wharves, in exercise of the powers by this act conferred, with the assent of the electors pursuant to section 75, construct and maintain and operate lines of rails and street railways, and dispose of, lease, alienate or grant running rights over the same."

8. Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following section:

"32c. No person or corporation now in possession of land which forms part of a street or highway of any city, and no person or corporation who shall hereafter enter into possession or occupation of land forming part of any such street or highway shall, whether the possession of the person claiming such land is his own, or his predecessor in title, or of the predecessors of a corporation, by virtue of such possession, be deemed to have acquired, or shall acquire, any right or title thereto, whether by prescription or common law, or by virtue of any statute or limitation heretofore or now in force."

9. Section 252 of said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by adding the following sub-sections:

"(a.) No compensation shall be allowed for land or improvements encroaching upon a street or highway the freehold whereof was originally dedicated by the crown, or on Vancouver Island by the Hudson's Bay company.

(b.) No compensation shall be allowed for land encroaching upon from a street or highway

dedicated by anyone other than the crown or the Hudson's Bay company (Vancouver Island), nor shall improvements upon any such land be allowed for it if it is found by the arbitrator that the said lands of the highway or street were wilfully and knowingly encroached upon by the original encroacher.

"This section and sub-section shall apply whether the street lines are determined under the provisions of this act or under any special act."

10. Section 256 of said act is hereby amended by inserting the following sub-section:

"(13a.) The powers and regulations in sub-sections (5) to (13), inclusive, relating to drainage and sewerage works, shall be deemed to refer and have relation to sewers carrying away sewage, and drains for the carrying away of surface and other waters, and all and every the powers by such sub-sections given with relation to sewers, shall be applicable to all drainage works: Provided always, that this sub-section shall apply only to such municipalities as have heretofore, or shall hereafter, adopt a separate system of sewerage and drainage."

11. Sub-section (6) of said section 256 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "maintenance," on the second line, the following words: "during the estimated lifetime of the work of local improvement," and by striking out the word "thereafter," on the fourth line of such sub-section (6), and substituting therefor the words "during such estimated lifetime."

12. Section 256 of said act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

"(26.) Whenever the council of any city municipality with over ten thousand inhabitants, shall, by a three-fourth majority, resolve that any work of local improvement is imperatively urgent and needed, provided the city contributed one-half the cost, and the total costs do not exceed five thousand dollars, the requirements of sub-sections (22) and (23) shall be dispensed with in respect to such work."

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Various Appointments Made—Order-in-Council Regarding Crown Lands

The following appointments appear in the current issue of the British Columbia Gazette:

William Ernest Banton, of the city of Enderby, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

To be deputy game wardens: Richard Godfrey William Lloyd, of Sunbury, for the Delta electoral district, and Victor Mackenzie Warren, of Falkland, for the Kamloops electoral district.

Horace C. Winch, M. D., of Hazelton, to be a health officer for the province of British Columbia. Frank I. Clarke, of Victoria, to be an officer in the civil service of the province of British Columbia, such appointment to date from December 23, 1903.

Paschal de Noe Walker, of Victoria, to be assistant chief clerk in the office of the provincial secretary; such appointment to date from June 6, 1907.

W. E. Harmsen and Samuel Calhoun, of Comox, and William Duncan, of Sandwick, to be fence viewers under the Line Fence and Water-Courses act for the Comox electoral district.

The following have been appointed commissioners for taking affidavits in the supreme court for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections' act: J. T. Henley, Francis H. Ross, Geo. W. Anderson, Alfred Henry Ker, F. W. Jeeves, W. H. Price, Richard W. Roper, all of the city of Victoria.

The following companies are incorporated: The Sunset club, with a capital of \$10,000.

The Kootenay-Slocan Fruit company, Limited, with a capital of \$50,000.

The Eureka Club, Limited, with a capital of \$5,000.

The Fourteen Hotel Company, Limited, with a capital of \$35,000.

The Gazette contains a copy of the recent order in council issued at Ottawa fixing regulations with regard to crown timber. The order is a lengthy one and sets forth rules with regard to trespassing, fires and fire protection, mining, grazing, cutting hay and the issuing of permits to cut timber.

LURED TO PRISON

Italian Wanted in This Province for Dastardly Outrage Cleverly Captured.

Ceddo, the Italian arrested ten days ago at Salt Lake City, and whom Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police left here for bringing back to Greenwood, B. C., where he will stand trial for the murder of Louis Kling at Niagara on November 18, 1906, when the Canadian hotel was dynamited, was cleverly captured by Chief Provincial Constable Davitt, of Nelson, who had traced the man to Salt Lake City from Spokane. Chief Davitt has been in Salt Lake City for some time before he succeeded, with the aid of the police of that city, in locating his man. The following is an extract from the Deseret Evening News, of Salt Lake City, describing the capture of Ceddo:

"The still hunt went on. Thursday evening Deputy Marshal Smyth and Officer Devitt stood in the storm waiting for the man to come along Second South street. He failed to show up, and at midnight the officers went home, tired, wet and numb with cold. They were back on west Second South yesterday morning and at noon saw their man. Mr. Smyth approached the fellow quietly and asked him if he was looking for work. 'I am,' said the Italian, unsuspiciously. 'Well, if we can come to terms you are just the man I want,' said the officer. Continuing to discuss work, times and similar topics, Mr. Smyth steered the Italian east off Second South from the Greek section and when the county jail was reached they turned in. 'This is the place,' said Smyth. 'The work is in the rear, but you had better come in and be registered and put on the payroll in the regular way. This is my partner,' he added, as Officer Devitt approached. The three men turned into the county jail and entered by a side door. The door was creaked behind Clideo. Something then seemed to tell the wily Italian he had walked into a trap. His eyes narrowed and glared around quickly. He had been pushed into a chair by Officer Devitt, and as he heard Smyth saying, 'You are under arrest for de-

stroying a hotel and the murder of a girl—etc., his nerve seemed to give away.

Fifth Regiment Ball

At the sergeants' mess of the Fifth regiment last night at the drill hall it was decided that a ball would be given by the non-commissioned officers of the regiment on Feb. 28 in the A. O. U. W. hall. Applications for invitations must come through the officers of the regiment.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Paderewski's Advice To Students

Ignace Paderewski seldom talks for the newspapers. He thinks the fingertips the proper interpreter of his thoughts, moods and fancies. It is a language in which he is perfect, and although he speaks very good English, still there is a hesitation even when speaking to his intimate friends; but when he plays a sonata—all nationalities understand.

Several weeks past he was approached regarding what fixed rules a student should follow to become a great pianist, and finally supplied the following: "The first law is 'Discrimination in choosing a good master. Then follow his teaching strictly.'"

Instruction the second runs: "Exercise four hours a day, one hour to be devoted to those concerned in the developing of agility in the fingers."

The third precept states that "Agility is not enough; acquire rhythm, precision and learn to use the pedals correctly."

Next, "Exercise the five fingers equally, and in particular the passing of the thumb under the hand and of the hand over the thumb."

The sixth rule is: "Strike the notes with assurance and depth, and use the pedals in the middle octaves to give color."

As one of the foremost teachers and critics of the world exclaimed on reading the items: "Number one seems to be the Golden Rule; the others are not very remarkable, but at the same time worthy of consideration. Such a master as Paderewski certainly would not speak in music but of the best and musical wisdom from his lips should be heeded by pupil and teacher."

Paderewski has this season enjoyed a complete rest and comes to America in splendid form—and is taking most of his concerts in the big musical centres of America, his greatest travel being in the west where he appears in twenty-one recitals west and including Denver. The largest number of concerts he has yet given to this part of the continent, and which show the rapid strides the country west of the Rockies is making in the musical history of America. Nothing but the best will satisfy Paderewski and so Paderewski will be here in the Victoria theatre this evening at the third concert of the Victoria Musical Society's remarkable season.

Mr. Lee Willard Coming

Mr. Willard, who appears at the Victoria theatre one night, Wednesday, February 19, 1908, in the delightful and refreshing old fashioned comedy, "The Country Squire," belongs to the new school of actors. The new school is really the oldest school of all, but it is the fashion to say that the actor makes a departure whose methods are natural, whose eyes are always trained on truth, and whose triumphs are the picturing humanity as it is, and the expressing of the greatest emotions without resort to vocal or gestural exaggeration. Such an actor is Mr. Willard. Coming as he is, he has learned the technique of his art in the best academy the actor can command, the theatre.

The Seattle Times of Monday, February 10th, says of his performance in that city: "High-class acting, a blending of healthy humor and pathos so natural and free from maudlin sentiment as to cut deep; plain, everyday New England scenes so familiar to hundreds of hundreds of Seattle people and a tender delineation of life in Vermont a quarter of a century ago, make 'The Country Squire' a far away the most enjoyable thing I have seen at the Seattle theatre this season."

"Lee Willard plays the star part, that of Jeremiah Bassett, 'The Squire,' and the scores of his friends who last night went to see him on his third annual tour were agreeably surprised, not only at his splendid interpretation of the character of an old Vermont farmer, but at the excellent backing he has been able to secure in his actor-managerial capacity.

"'The Country Squire' is as simple and clean and as full of heart interest as 'The Old Homestead.' It is a comedy and the story around the play is just every-day life among simple folk who place the little affairs of their community far above the affairs of the nation so far as interest is concerned. And seeing the play over does not wonder that this is the best comedy big, gentle, strong characters like that of Jeremiah Bassett."

"The Country Squire" was written by J. A. Kent, a San Francisco newspaper man, and Mr. Willard. It is in three acts and brings in all of the many unique characters that went to make up life in New England years ago, from "Hiram Hopkins," the boy who shows his affections, the world from an unorthodox standpoint, to a bigoted, lovable old deacon, whose church and family make up the sum and substance of his existence."

The New Grand.

Few programmes that have been seen at the New Grand have given better satisfaction than that of this week, which is drawing capacity houses at each performance. It includes the splendidly costumed musical act, which introduces selections on bells, cornets, clarinettes, saxophones and a quintette on a big xylophone; Crimmins and Gore, the long and the short of it, in "By the Sea Sea Waves"; DeWitt Young and Sister in a novel juggling act; Rose and Severns, in "The Automobile Disaster"; Fred Prime, blackface comedian; T. J. Prime, in latest song; very funny act, moving pictures and selections from "The Red Mill," as an overture for the orchestra. Tomorrow afternoon children's matinee will be given and the week will close with the usual performances tomorrow night.

American Crew Rescued

Queenstown, Feb. 13.—The British steamer Mercedes de la Rina, from Galveston, January 23, for Manchester, passed Kinsale today and signalled that she had on board the crew of the American four-masted schooner "Edward J. Dowling," having picked up the men in mid-ocean.

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Mainland News

VANCOUVER CHINESE KEEP WHITE SLAVES

Wretched Story Told By a
Woman Who Had to Rescue
Her Sister.

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—In an effort to rescue her sister, who was held in bondage in a Chinese opium den on Canton street, Bella Walker, one of the women from the restricted district who was driven out of the city, came back from Seattle and after an experience of physical torture seldom undergone by a woman, she succeeded in accomplishing her purpose.

She had to take up the opium habit, wear Chinamen's clothes and serve as a serf to her captors before she could secure the release of her sister. The rescue was effected under the cover of darkness, when through a clever ruse she was smuggled out into the open and to freedom.

Bella Walker found her sister in a small room, devoid of ventilation or other conveniences in the rear of an opium den. Escape was cut off in all directions, and the continual presence of Chinamen prevented her from making an attempt to get out. The latter she had written to Seattle begging her sister to come and release her from bondage was also smuggled out. The unfortunate girl was kept under the influence of opium most of the time. When her sister free, Bella Walker had to stay herself. With her physical condition weakened by the continual use of opium which the Chinamen practically forced upon her, she was almost on the verge of collapse when the officers found her yesterday. The search for a man who shot Police Officer McLeod revealed her presence. She was released and taken to the police station. Charged with being the keeper of a house of ill-fame, she pleaded not guilty, and her story told through counsel softened the heart of the magistrate, who allowed her to go on suspended sentence if she would get out of the city. "Remember if you come back there will be a sentence of six months waiting for you."

WALES ISLAND CANNERY

Vancouver Syndicate Buys Plant That
Was Affected by Boundary
Award

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—The Wales Island salmon cannery, which jumped into the illuminated circle when Lord Alverstone presented the United States with a large slice of British Columbia a few years ago, is to pass into the hands of Vancouver capital. A deal is now being closed for its purchase by a syndicate headed by Charles Windsor and M. DesBrisay. It is the intention of the buyers to operate the plant during the coming season.

Originally Wales Island, which is situated at the entrance to Portland canal, was a part of Alaska, and by the Alaskan Boundary award it was the only thing Canada received—barring the worst of the deal. On the island New Yorkers had erected and were operating a cannery, a two line plant, which for its size is rated as one of the best equipped of the coast. When the island was suddenly thrown into British Columbia the owners petitioned congress for indemnification, and they received \$33,000. Now they are selling out to the Vancouver people.

ROYAL CITY'S NEEDS IN VARIOUS LINES

Board of Trade at Annual Meeting
Takes Up Public
Questions

New Westminster, Feb. 13.—One of the most enthusiastic and largely attended meetings of the board of trade ever held was the annual session of that body in the city hall last evening.

Nearly half the total membership was present, and every one took a deep interest in the reports of the work accomplished during the past year and in the preparations for the ensuing year.

The idea of those present was how to accomplish more work, and several suggestions were made, the principal of which was the limiting of all standing committees to three members and that the consent of each member should be secured before it is appointed.

President W. R. Gilley, whose term of office expired last night, delivered an interesting address on the work of the board, touching particularly on the progress that is being made on the preliminary arrangements for extensive improvements to the river channel. His report was received with loud applause.

Secretary White reported that the board was in good financial standing the receipts amounting to \$874.50 and the disbursements to \$768.95, with cash on hand of \$290.33.

The chairman of almost every standing committee presented an encouraging report of the year's work in his particular department the most important report in scope being that of the municipal committee, which advised several recommendations to the city council. They outlined improvements in the city and included the boulevarding of Royal avenue, laying cement sidewalks on Columbia street, the extension of the fire limits, the appointing of a building inspector, the cleaning and improvement of city streets generally, the granting of a license to a second gas company and endorsing the move made for the betterment of the telephone service. The recommendations

tions were referred to the council of the board to deal with.

The election of officers was put through with despatch, there being no contests. Vice-president, J. A. Cunningham was elected president, J. A. Lee was selected as vice-president, and secretary A. E. White secured reelection. The chairman and members of the standing committees will be named by the three officers elected, and the draft will be submitted to the next meeting of the board.

The board endorsed a petition from Surrey municipality to the provincial government asking for the building of a new grade over the hill on the Yale road south of the river, the plans having already been submitted to the government.

A petition from the Vancouver Shipmasters' Association to the Dominion government asking for harbor improvements at Trail Island, up the coast, was also endorsed.

The likelihood of the mail service down the river being discontinued owing to the Canadian Pacific Railway company dropping the contract was discussed and it was decided to take immediate action in the matter.

VANCOUVER HOSPITAL

Report For Past Year Shows Large
Increase in Number of Patients
Treated

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—The annual meeting of the governors of the Vancouver General Hospital was held last evening. The reports reflected a year of unusual success and also forecast many improvements that will likely be made to the institution during the ensuing twelve months. Campbell Sweeney was in the chair and in his address he complimented the governors upon the progress that had been made in every department of the hospital work. The demands upon the hospital have been so great at times that in order to meet them the large basement room under the northeast wing was fitted up and used as a public ward for sixteen patients. Mr. Sweeney paid tribute to the tireless energy of J. J. Banfield, chairman of the house committee.

The board asked the city council to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$130,000 for the erection of the southeast wing and further necessary improvements. A wing will likely be added to the nurses' home. A by-law to provide the necessary funds was approved by the ratepayers when submitted.

Three isolation buildings were placed in operation during the year, and 190 contagious cases were treated since June. The work of the Woman's and Girls' auxiliaries received many expressions of appreciation. The Girls' auxiliary, with W. A. Bauer, donated private wards.

The annual report which was submitted contained many interesting facts and figures. The number of patients admitted in 1907 was 2,301, as compared with 1,313 in 1906. The average number of days which these patients spent in the hospital was 19.90, as compared with 21.10 in 1906. The ambulance made 415 trips—nearly twice as many as in the previous year—and the operations performed numbered 760. There were 135 deaths, compared to 79 in 1906, and the total number of indoor and outdoor patients was 2,532, compared with 1,668 in 1906. There still 150 patients in the hospital on December 1.

POULTRY COLLECTION

Vancouver Police Recapture Part of
Chinese Chicken Thieves'
Booby

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—The yard for women prisoners at the city jail has been converted into a temporary henryard. Close onto 100 chickens taken by the police from coops in the Chinese district are quartered there.

Yesterday afternoon the police went through all the chicken coops in the Chinese district in search of stolen fowl. In many instances they were accompanied by parties who had lost chickens. Nearly 100 were identified in this way and taken to the station. The number of chickens stolen exceeds 200, and the search will be continued in an effort to locate the remainder.

Chinese residents in whose coops stolen chickens were found told the police that they had purchased them. This forms one of the clues upon which the police will work to locate the Chinese chicken thief who early yesterday morning shot Police Officer McLeod. They believe that the man who did the shooting is the same man who has been disposing of his stolen chickens to residents of this district.

The chickens that are housed at the police station are not idle by any means, and have started in to lay eggs. Already over two dozen eggs have been gathered, and before the fowls are sent away there will likely be lots more. The women prisoners are reaping this harvest, and gather the eggs as they are laid.

Messrs. McIntosh & Goddard, owners of prize pigeons, had over \$600 worth of fancy birds taken from their lofts in the 800 block on Richards street. Fifty-five birds in all were taken, and they were taken from \$10 to \$50 each. They had taken 128 prizes in three shows, as well as 15 specials, and were regarded as having the finest on the coast. Fifteen of the stolen pigeons were recovered on the roof of a Chinese shack on Dupont street last night. The police are still searching for the others.

Law For Tobaccoists

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—Wah Yick Jung, a Chinese merchant of Shanghai street was today fined \$50 and costs for selling tobacco without the necessary stamp. The accused set up the plea that the tobacco had been purchased in stamped packages originally, but that they had been split up into smaller ones for the convenience of customers. This story was not accepted by the court. Another Chinaman, Kong Yuen, was fined \$50 and costs for failing to comply with the trade license by-law in the matter of sending returns into the police department. Divesto, who keeps a stand near the Wood's hotel on Carrall street, was assessed \$25 and costs for selling tobacco on Sunday contrary to the law.

Libertizing Grisle

New Westminster, Feb. 13.—The work of libertizing the young salmon from the government hatcheries in this district has commenced, and large numbers are being taken out daily to the Lillooet, Harrison and other rivers.

Ventured Back too Soon

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—Alice Murphy, one of the women from the restricted district who was sent out of town by Magistrate Alexander, returned and was last night put into jail for six months, the sentence which was passed upon her by the court.

Jail Overflows

New Westminster, Feb. 13.—The provincial jail in this city has become so crowded that a large number of the prisoners have had to be removed to Victoria. It is the only provincial prison on the lower mainland, and it is likely that it will be enlarged soon, or another built, probably near Vancouver.

Royal City Telephone Service

New Westminster, Feb. 13.—Ald. Pader, who was given power to act in an endeavor to secure an improvement of the telephone service in this city, is investigating a report that it is the intention of the company to install the equipment recently discarded in a new central office in this city. The report has not been denied by the company, and should it be correct vigorous protests will be made to the company.

Another Fraser Steamer

New Westminster, Feb. 13.—The steamer Hamlin, which will likely be placed on a run between Chilliwack and Vancouver, with New Westminster as an important centre on the run, is almost ready for commission. The Hamlin is undergoing extensive repairs. The Hamlin was operated on the same run several years ago by Capt. Benson, but owing to lack of finances she was withdrawn after a few months.

Japanese Injured

North Vancouver, Feb. 13.—Passengers reaching North Vancouver on the 10:15 ferry last night met a dozen Japanese carefully carrying one of their countrymen who had been injured at Lynn Creek. He was working at a shingle camp and was crushed by a tree, sustaining a broken leg and arm. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock and the Japs rigged up an improvised stretcher out of sacks and started to carry him in. With two lanterns to light the way they headed for town and it took them until a late hour to reach the wharf. This is the third or fourth accident of the kind among the Japanese shingle-bolters in the Lynn Valley.

Coat Thief Sentenced

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—John Anderson was today sent to jail for 18 months for stealing three coats. He pleaded guilty to the charge before Magistrate Williams. Anderson comes from Tacoma and has been in Seattle. Anderson was arrested last night as he was trying to dispose of a coat. He aroused suspicion, and he confessed to the officers that he had stolen the coat, together with the coat he wore as well as another he had sold previously. The coats were stolen from the American hotel. There has been a lot of coat stealing in Vancouver during the past winter. Complaints to the police department have been made in many instances the goods were not recovered.

Annexing Lot 301

Vancouver, Feb. 13.—The civic Finance Committee yesterday afternoon recommended to the city council that the proposition for the annexation of district lot 301 to the city be favorably considered, providing the district was willing to come in without promise of special appropriations, etc., and the city solicitor was asked to further advise the council on the legal status of the question. The action followed an hour's discussion of the subject between members of the committee and a delegation of over fifty residents from district lot 301. Behind the presence of the delegation there appeared to be an untold story of disputes among the residents of the district. The majority were opposed to the proposition that lot 301 should be joined to South Vancouver municipality.

HOPELESSLY BANKRUPT

Northwestern Supply House Will Have
No Balance to Pay Over to
Creditors

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—The Northwestern Supply House, limited, which is now in liquidation, and the manager of which is under bonds to appear at the winding up to answer a charge of misappropriating money sent him by mail order customers to whom he catered, is in a hopeless state, judging from the standpoint of the hundreds of creditors scattered throughout western Canada. Indications are that they will not receive a cent; indeed, the assets are not sufficient to pay the assignee's and balliff's charges.

The creditors that are housed at the large creditors' bank, one of the largest in the west, were secured by the best collateral. Among the trade creditors are many of the wholesale houses of Winnipeg and eastern Canada, who supplied this institution with goods, no doubt without being aware of the methods of operation or the unfair competition it waged with reputable merchants throughout the west. One of the most regrettable features of the whole affair is the large number of small customers who have been bitten for small individual amounts, which may mean much to those in struggling circumstances.

General Arbitration

London, Feb. 13.—The subject of a general arbitration treaty, such as has just been concluded between France and the United States, has been mentioned in the course of the negotiations now going on regarding the submission to The Hague of the questions under discussion between Canada, the United States and Newfoundland. Great Britain, it was learned today, is hopeful that such an understanding will be brought about.

WANTS CONGRESS TO KNOW FACTS

Sentiment of Seattle Not Represented by Radical Element
Of Exclusion League

In a communication to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce recently George C. Congdon, an attorney, asked that the committee on national affairs prepare a memorial to congress setting forth the true sentiment of Seattle on the industrial and commercial relations with the Orient. The committee was instructed to report at the next meeting.

"In view of the fact that memorial recently prepared and addressed to the congress of the United States," said Mr. Congdon, "by a body of men gathered from various parts of the Pacific coast, will be misleading as to the attitude of this community and the northwest toward Japan, unless steps are taken to counteract the statements made therein, I would suggest that the committee on national affairs be requested to take up the memorial in question and to prepare and report at the next meeting of the chamber an address which will tend to set forth the true attitude of this city on the commercial and industrial relations with the Orient."

Boycott Prepared.

"It will be remembered that the resolution adopted by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce March 20 last, when the San Francisco Japanese school agitation was at its height, was the means of demonstrating to Japan that the entire coast did not entertain the rabid views promulgated from San Francisco, and thus prevented a boycott against American goods, which was being organized in Japan on an effective and far-reaching scale. The growth of commercial relations between Seattle and Japan, great as it has been in the past three years, is only in its infancy, providing we do not, by our own actions, destroy it and allow it to be transferred not only to other cities, but to other nations."

"I consider it of vital importance that this chamber take some steps which will present such a memorial as that prepared in Seattle last week, from destroying the effect of the good work done by this organization in the past."

Want Men at Fairbanks.

The chamber of commerce of Fairbanks, Alaska, sent a letter to the Seattle chamber requesting that an endeavor be made to secure a reduction in second class steamboat fare to Valdez for the next sixty days. The letter pointed out that the Tanana mining district was badly in need of men and that if the fare north could be reduced more men would seek employment. It was said that from 2,000 to 5,000 could find work on the creeks in the Tanana district this summer and that unless the force of miners was materially increased before April 1 the gold output of the district would be curtailed.

The communication was referred to the committee on transportation for the purpose of having the situation before the steamship companies.

The report of the committee on national affairs to which was referred the protest of the people of Green Lake against the proposed removal of the postoffice was adopted.

The committee reported that the present postoffice station serves nearly 23,000 persons and its removal would be an incurable and uncalled for hardship upon them.

"The physical characteristics of the country in that vicinity," said the committee, "are such as to cut off about 6,000 persons between the carriers' routes and the city limits from gaining any service whatever from a station at Fremont, unless they walk four and a half miles to Fremont daily, which is prohibitive."

It was recommended that the chamber endorse the protest of the Green Lake people and to forward notice of the action of the chamber to Washington's congressional delegation and such other officials as may be in a position to act on the matter. The report was signed by Dr. M. A. Matthews, acting chairman of the committee.

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STRAYED—Two cows, branded E. B. on right hip, right ear split, one red with ends of horns cut off, one half Jersey, half holstein, black and white, last seen at Glen lake. Party seeing same please tie up. Notify H. Edwards, Milstream, care D. Campbell. J14

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WANTED—By a young married couple, 3 rooms partly furnished, including use of kitchen; James Bay district preferred; state terms. Apply Box 275, Colonist office. F13

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Executrix of the Estate of L. G. Burns.

Dated this Seventh (7) day of February, 1908.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve over certain lands in South-East Kootenay, notice of which appeared in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, 1890, and bore date of August 12th, 1890, is hereby cancelled. The above mentioned lands will be open for location under the land act on or after 30, 1908. ROBT. A. RENWICK, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., December 16th, 1907. d27

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898" and in the matter of "The British Columbia General Contract Company Limited." The creditors of the British Columbia General Contract Company Limited of Vancouver, British Columbia, are hereby notified that the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907, the company passed an extraordinary resolution to the effect that the company be forthwith wound up and all claims, accounts or provisions of the above act and John Kendall and Frank C. Sewell were appointed liquidators, which resolution at a meeting held on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907 was duly confirmed, and notice is hereby given that all creditors of the said company and all others having any legal claims against the company are notified to send by post prepaid, or otherwise deliver to the said liquidators, John Kendall and Frank C. Sewell at 441 Seymour Street, Victoria, B. C. on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1908, their full names, addresses and descriptions, and the nature of their claims, and if they are secured or interest, and the nature of the securities, if any held by them. As soon as may be after the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1908, the liquidators shall then have had notice and all others shall be excluded from the said distribution.

Notice is also given that all parties indebted to the said company must pay such indebtedness in full to the said liquidators on or before January 31st, 1908, after which date proceedings will be commenced to enforce the collection of all outstanding accounts.

John Kendall, Frank C. Sewell, Liquidators of the British Columbia General Contract Company, Ltd.

Dated the 1st day of January, 1908.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN PROBATE.

In the matter of the Estate of George Anthony Walkem, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all persons having any claims or demands against the above named deceased who died on the 10th day of January, 1908, at the City of Victoria, B.C., are hereby required to send by registered post prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned solicitors, the names of the claimants, executor under the last will of the said deceased, their names and address and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration.

And Take Notice that after the 10th day of March, 1908, the said George Gillespie will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and of the securities, if any held by them, and the said George Gillespie will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated at Victoria aforesaid this 3rd day of February, 1908.

MORESBY & O'BRIEN, Of Imperial Bank Chambers, corner of Government and Yates Streets, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said George Gillespie, Executor.

TROOPS TO PRESERVE ORDER AT FAIRBANKS

Local Authorities Afraid of Strikers Using Violent Measures

Seattle, Feb. 13.—A despatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Fairbanks, Alaska, says: "U. S. Marshal Perry has sworn in 250 special deputies for the protection of life and property against the riotous mob of strikers who are congregated on the streets. The mobs have been attempting to capture recent arrivals here with a view to deporting them. The marshal's force has dispersed the rioters, and guarantees protection to all men in camp. All saloons are closed."

Washington, Feb. 13.—By direction of the President, Acting Secretary of War Oliver today ordered a company of infantry from Fort Gibbons, in Alaska to Fairbanks, in that territory to preserve order during the mining strike in that section. This action was taken upon representation from the United States court in Alaska to the Attorney General that the presence of federal troops was necessary.

Attorney General Bonaparte promptly brought the matter to the attention of the president, and, by his instruction to officers and assistants with Acting-Secretary Oliver, who, through General Bell, chief of staff, forwarded the necessary orders for the movement of troops to the military commander at Fort Gibbons.

Telegrams from Fairbanks to the Attorney General say that open air mass meetings are being held by the striking miners, and threats of violence have been made. The marshal has been directed by the Attorney General to use all force at his command to arrest law-breakers and to prevent intimidation. The military is expected to give the marshal moral support, and also take an active part should the disorder prove great. The striking miners have picketed the trail between Valdez and Fairbanks. Most of the newly arrived laborers are Russians.

The distance from Fort Gibbons to Fairbanks is 155 miles, and the troops will be carried by sleds over a route which is said to be a very good one. If there is urgent necessity for the presence of the soldiers at Fairbanks they can get there in four or five days, but under ordinary conditions the trip takes six or seven days.

Persons in Washington familiar with the conditions existing at Fairbanks say the trouble is the outcome of a strike a year or more ago for higher wages and shorter hours for the miners. This the operators have resisted in the determination to operate the mines independent of the Western Federation of Miners.

AMERICANS LOOK AT AUSTRALIAN FIELD

Report of Special Agent on Trade Conditions in the Colonies

Washington, Feb. 13.—A report on the trade conditions of the Australian colonies by Special Agent Burrill has been issued by the bureau of manufactures of the department of labor and commerce. He says the imports of merchandise into that territory aggregate upwards of \$200,000,000 annually, much of which consists of manufactured and partially manufactured products.

The report lays particular stress on the importance of American manufacturers having personal representatives who are thoroughly acquainted with the conditions of the market. The agricultural implements of American and Canadian make practically control the markets of Australia, so far as importations are concerned, and with the rapid progress agriculture is making in Australia a further increase in the demand for agricultural implements is anticipated.

American windmills are in great demand and now show a difference of approximately 20 per cent. in their favor over Australian windmills. A steadily expanding market in this line is expected.

In speaking of hardware and tools, Mr. Burrill says: Great Britain exports the greatest quantity of hardware to Australia, and American manufacturers must pay attention to specific needs in this line, before any great increase in our exports can be had."

CHARGES OF PERJURY

Former President and Secretary of Insurance Company Indicted by Grand Jury

New York, Feb. 13.—Indictments alleging perjury were returned today against the ex-governor of New Jersey, Foster M. Voorhees, and Frank H. Combes, following a grand jury inquiry into the activities of these two men while they were officials of the Bankers' Life Insurance company. Pleadings to the indictments will be made probably on Friday.

The special grand jury for New York county, which is investigating a multitude of the big financial transactions made in the city, today's findings are the outcome. The Bankers' Life Insurance company went out of the business some time ago. The indictments have to do with acts committed prior to 1905, while Voorhees was president and Combes the secretary of the company. In the indictments, which are similar to one returned against each, it is charged that in 1904 the president and secretary swore falsely in setting forth in a report to the state insurance department that certain liabilities were not due to policyholders.

The Bankers' Life Insurance company was reorganized later in 1904, and the new officers placed before the state insurance department certain matters

which came to their attention. In turn the charges were turned over to District Attorney Jerome and laid before the grand jury. The company's headquarters are in this city, but the indicted men are residents of New Jersey.

Wholesale Slaughter.

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 13.—A carload of live hogs was smashed in shunting today, and thirty of the sixty-three porkers were killed.

Stanley and Minto in the Ice.

St. John, Feb. 13.—The government steamers Stanley and Minto are firmly stuck in the ice in Northumberland Straits. They left Pictou and Georgetown yesterday and are hard fast.

Machine Shops Burned.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Fire tonight destroyed the round-house and machine shops of the Central New England Railroad company here. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Salaries Reduced.

Boston, Feb. 13.—President Lucius Tuttle, of the Boston & Maine railway, announced that a reduction in salaries of ten per cent. will be made, affecting all employees receiving over \$100 per month, to take effect at once. About 800 employees will be affected.

Severed An Artery.

New York, Feb. 13.—Lying across his bed in a position that showed conclusively that the deed was done with deliberation, J. Bosche, of Buffalo, committed suicide in the Astor house early this morning by severing the artery of the left arm with a razor. The motive for the deed is unknown. Bosche had been in the hotel since Feb. 5th. He is said to have been a member of the firm of Bosche Bros., manufacturing jewellers in Buffalo.

Big Company In Trouble.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 13.—The Farmers' Co-operative Harvesting Company of America, a corporation organized by Wm. W. Whitely, known as the "Reaper King," went into the hands of a receiver tonight, C. S. Olminger, of this city having been named in that capacity by the court. The concern was incorporated five years ago, following the organization of the so-called binder trust, known as the International Harvester company. Large amounts of stock were sold by Whitely's agents all over the United States, principally among farmers, and it is thought there is about \$350,000 of this stock outstanding. The liabilities are not given.

DRIVING FOR PARIS

Some of the Automobiles Pass Albany and Others Fail to Reach There

Albany, Feb. 13.—Four of the automobiles engaged in the New York Paris via Siberia race had passed Albany at a late hour tonight. The American, one French and the Italian car reached here soon after noon, and went on west.

The first German car, that in which Lieut. Kopper, of the German army, is travelling, arrived here at 10 p. m., and will pass the night here, and will leave at 6.30 a. m. The other French car is reported as spending the night at Hudson, the second German car is said to be at Chibinek, opposite Kingston. All the cars have experienced great difficulty, with heavy snow drifts and soft roads.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The French car in the New York-Paris driven by St. Chaffrey, arrived here shortly before 7 o'clock tonight. St. Chaffrey will remain here until tomorrow. After the French car came the American and Italian cars, which proceeded on to Fonda, eleven miles to the west, where they will stop for the night.

Fonda, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The American and Italian cars arrived in Fonda tonight. The crews will rest here until tomorrow.

PORTE MAKES CONCESSION

Dispute With Exporters Over Licorice Root Duty Arranged by Compromise

Constantinople, Feb. 13.—The dispute of the government and the exporters of licorice root has now been adjusted, thanks to the intervention of the American embassy at Constantinople. Practically the monopoly of this trade is in the hands of an American firm, which has objected to the excessive duty charged on the roots. In order to facilitate the collection of tithe on this article, the government has fixed the tax, nominally 12 1/2 per cent., at 2 1/2 paras per oke, equivalent to one farthing per 300 pounds. With the recent decline in the price of licorice this considerable charge represented practically 20 per cent. of the value of the root, and the company demanded either a reduction or leave to pay in kind.

The government refused the latter alternative, although provided for in the regulations a strong disinclination to grant a reduction, matters have been at a deadlock for some time past and the authorities have prevented any further shipments but as a result of the intervention of embassy agreement has been arrived at on the basis of a fixed duty of 1 1/2 paras per oke.

Prohibition in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 13.—The senate today passed the statutory prohibition bill by a vote of 36 to 4. The bill is effective Dec. 13.

Raisuli to Go On Stage.

London, Feb. 13.—It is announced that there is a prospect of Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit, appearing on the variety stage in London.

General Carrol Dead.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 13.—Brigadier-General Henry Carrol, U. S. A., retired, a veteran of the civil war and of the Spanish war, died yesterday at his home in this city after a brief illness, aged 70. Death resulted from blood poisoning caused by an ulcerated tooth, and superinduced from the wounds in the Spanish war.

Takes Bank Presidency.

Washington, Feb. 13.—It is stated on what is believed good authority that W. B. Rideney, the comptroller of the currency, has decided to accept the presidency of the reorganized National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, which suspended payment during the late financial stringency. Mr. Rideney is now in New York arranging certain matters preparatory to his active connection with the bank. Laurence Murray, now assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor, it is understood, will succeed Mr. Rideney as comptroller of the currency.

LAKE SUPERIOR SUIT

Toronto Lawyer Testifies That He Acts as Counsel for Both Corporations

New York, Feb. 13.—The hearing of the application of Charles T. Orvis and John T. Terry, representing the Canadian Improvement company, for an injunction to restrain J. Tattall Lea and others, Philadelphia bankers, and Kuhn Loeb & Co., of this city, from voting pledged stock of the Lake Superior Corporation, was continued in Jersey City today.

Newton L. Rowell, of Toronto, was asked when he delivered an agreement signed by Mr. Lea and others to renew the notes of the Canadian Improvement Co., but the question was excluded after argument. The witness testified, however, that he failed to get Mr. Lea to consent to a renewal of the notes without a transfer of the pledged stock, and that he told Lea that Orvis said it was not fair to insist upon the transfer.

Mr. Rowell has been referred to by attorneys in the arguments as "King's Counsel." He said he was counsel of the Lake Superior Corporation last March, when he was retained to go to Philadelphia to negotiate a renewal of the notes. He had represented the Canadian government, which loaned the improvement Co. \$1,000,000, but he was at the present hearing counsel of the Lake Superior Corporation. He declared he could see no objection to his accepting the retainer of the Canadian company while also acting as counsel for the Lake Superior Corporation.

The hearing will continue tomorrow.

LANDED IN PRISON

American With Many Aliases Who Deceived and Debauched Many Women

Bristol, Feb. 13.—Arthur Hyne, the man of many aliases, who has been on trial here charged with bigamy and fraud in connection with matrimonial advertisements, was today sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on the bigamy count and to five years for fraud. These sentences are to run concurrently.

Hyne pleaded guilty to both charges. Hyne is a dentist with an American diploma. He is believed by many persons to be identical with George Witzhoff, or Albert Bessemer, or A. C. Weston, who several years ago married a number of women in America and then disappeared after having secured various sums of money from them.

He left the United States in the summer of 1905 and was arrested in England last month. He was said to have lived in Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis and elsewhere, and to have married women wherever he went.

POINTS TO ONLY WAY TO FIGHT STANDARD

Congressman Rainey Would Put Petroleum on the Free List

Washington, Feb. 13.—That the fight of the administration against the Standard Oil company "was only a bluff," was asserted in the House of Representatives today by Mr. Rainey, of Illinois, who spoke at length on his bill placing on the free list petroleum, crude or refined products. He did not think it was possible, he said, to make a presidential campaign on the strength of a \$29,000,000 fine and some messages denouncing the Standard Oil. He had not heard of the fine being paid, and he said the collection, like the six of the tariff, had been postponed until after the election.

The real way and effective method of limiting the power of the Standard Oil, Mr. Rainey said, was to remove the tariff of 15 cents a gallon on petroleum.

"Do that," he said, "and admit Russian oil free of duty, and you will have struck a blow at the Standard Oil organization. There was only one way to fight the Standard Oil company, he maintained, and that was to permit oil on the free list, and if the president is really sincere in his fulminations against the oil trust, he will recommend that remedy."

OHIO AND MR. TAFT

Secretary's Campaign Manager Makes Statement in Reply to Senator Foraker

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 13.—Arthur I. Vorys, manager of Secretary Taft's presidential campaign, arrived in the city to meet the secretary and talk over the situation. When his attention was called to the statement of Senator Foraker last night, that the Ohio primaries were so managed that none but Taft supporters could take part in them and Taft's victory was of no significance, Mr. Vorys carefully dictated the following statement: "The struggle in Ohio, what little there ever was of it, is over. Every one in Ohio knows it, and I believe it is useless for anyone to attempt to make people in other states believe that Mr. Taft will not have the solid delegation, or that there was not a fair opportunity to make any contest at the primaries that any one desired to make in Ohio."

Gasoline Supplies

Nome, Alaska, Feb. 13.—The Nugget has made an investigation of the supply of gasoline in Alaska along the route of the New York-Paris automobile racers. The newspaper finds that there is plenty of the liquid fuel to supply the six machines for the entire trip to the north. Caches of gasoline have been made along the trails the machines will take.

Receiver For Railway.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 13.—On representations made by George A. Fernald & Co., a banking firm of Boston, the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railway was placed in the hands of a receiver in the United States Circuit court late today. James E. Goodrich was appointed receiver, and after filing a bond of \$60,000, left tonight for Cincinnati to take charge of the property.

SHORTS ARE DRIVEN SHARPLY TO COVER

Stocks Not In Plentiful Supply—Drives Made At Some Groups

New York, Feb. 13.—The early stock market today presented evidence that an important proportion of the conspicuous selling which carried prices downward on Monday, and again at the closing dealings on Tuesday, must have been rather reckless operations on the short side of the market.

When sellers felt obligated to cover today they found scarcity of stock offering, and a rather mercurial upshoot of prices. Almost fully as striking was the relaxed tone of the market when the needs of the uncovered bears had been satisfied. The inference pointed to is that while the genuine demand for stocks for the present is light the supply offered for sale is also scanty. There was no important selling such as would suggest the general inclination amongst owners to reduce their holdings of stocks. Very positive assertions today that the Union Pacific dividend would be reduced accompanied the free selling of that stock. The coalers also were conspicuous. Not a great deal of activity characterized the dealings, and the subsequent selling was preceded by a period of hesitation and dullness.

Unsettling factors were the pressure on American smelting and violent breaks in several of the Gould stocks, with no apparent support. Speculative operations in American smelting are laid at all times, and their motive is difficult to trace, but importance was attached to reports today of the retirement of a conspicuous engineer from the service of the controlling interests of the company.

The day's developments bearing on the general situation were not important. A fall in the price of copper both here and in London was an unit of the day that did not conduce to holding prices up.

That city bonds will be abundantly subscribed for is taken for granted, but more attention is being paid to the price. There was no revival of strength in the latter stock market.

Bonds were regular in the sales, par value, \$2,092,000; U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Am. Can.	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Am. Cot. Oil	32 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am. Loco.	32 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am. Smelters	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Am. Sugar	109 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Anacosta	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Atchafalpa	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
do pfd	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
B. and O.	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
do pfd	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
B. R. T.	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
C. P. R.	148 1/2	149 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
Central Leather	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
C. F. and I.	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
C. and O.	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
C. and G. W.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
C. T. and A.	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
do pfd	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
D. and R. G.	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
do pfd	54 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Eastman	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Int. Nor. pfd.	115 1/2	116 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Int. Paper	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
L. and N.	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
M. S. P. and SSM	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
do pfd	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Mo. Pac.	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
N. P.	118 1/2	119 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
N. Y. Cent.	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
N. and W.	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
N. Y. pfd	118 1/2	119 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
N. Y. O. and W.	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Penna.	110 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
People's Gas	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Pr. Steel	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Reading	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Rock Island	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
do pfd	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
S. P.	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
S. P. pfd	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
S. R.	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
do pfd	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Union Pac.	114 1/2	115 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
U. S. Steel	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
do pfd	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Vabash	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
do pfd	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
W. Va. Coal	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Total sales	727,600 shares.			
Money on call	2 per cent.			

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
July	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Sept. No. 2—				
May	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
July	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Oats No. 2—				
May	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
July	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Portland Cement	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Liverpool Wheat	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
May	78 3/4	79 1/4	78 1/4	78 3/4

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

Temporary Trading Stock.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Coal and Coke Co.	25	25
B. C. Conner Co.	4.50	5.00
Burlington Saw Works	105	105
Canadian Coal S. and R.	55.00	55.00
Carthage and McKinnon	2	2
Clonville Copper Co.	1.50	2.00
Cranby	75.00	75.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	85	85
Imperial Trust Co.	10	105
Portland Cement	10	10
Ranbier Caribou	27	32
Sullivan	4 1/2	6
Western Corporation	100	100
Western Coal	1.05	1.05

CONCOUR D'AUCTION STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	2 1/2	5
Charles Dickens	4 1/2	4 1/2
Flourishing Bird	4 1/2	5 1/2
Terra	2 1/2	4 1/2
Missiona Copper	5 1/2	7
Sabah	1	5
San Paul	5 1/2	7 1/2
Box	9 1/2	9 1/2
Snow Storm	1.28	1.35
Temerac	60	60
Chesapeake	6 1/2	1.10
Wonder	1 1/2	1 1/2

MONTREAL STOCKS.

	Sellers.	Buyers.
Montreal	200	200
Valparaiso	90	90
Nov. Scotia	97 1/2	97 1/2
Merchants	155	155
Union	161	160
Union City	81	70 1/2
Mont. Heat and Power	84 1/2	84
Ouellet	120	115
Montreal	12	12
Toronto Street Railway	97 1/2	96 1/2
Dominion Coal, comm.	38	38
Dom. Iron and Steel, comm.	16 1/2	16 1/2
Nov. Scotia Steel	59	56
Can. Pac. Ry., London	140 1/2	140 1/2

THE LOCAL MARKETS

	Retail Prices
Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00
Purity	\$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	\$1.70
Snowflake, per bbl.	\$6.80
Moffet's Best, per sack	\$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	\$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.70
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00

ran, per ton	\$32.00
horts, per ton	\$34.00
eed wheat, per ton	\$40.00
ats, per ton	\$37.00
arley, per ton	\$34.00
ay, Fraser River, per ton	\$23.00
eed Cornmeal, per ton	\$38.00
hop Feed, best, per ton	\$30.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	\$36.00
iddlings, per ton	\$34.00
racked Corn, per ton	\$38.00

Interesting Week-End Bargain News

Send for Our New Spring and Summer Catalogue

Our new Spring and Summer catalogue is now ready, and will be gladly mailed to out of town residents, who send in their name and address. It is profusely illustrated, showing the most up to date styles in millinery, womens' and mens' ready to wear apparel, and also contains a splendid list of staple articles, small ware, furniture, hardware, kitchen utensils, stoves, ranges, groceries, etc., and will be found a most interesting and wonderful help to all out of town residents.

For the two remaining days of the week we have selected a specially interesting list of articles at special prices. Among these will be found many items which are recent arrivals of bright new and crisp merchandise.

The New Things Which are Daily Arriving Gives the Store an Atmosphere of Spring

The many new things that are daily arriving, brings to mind that Spring is close to hand. Every day sees something new unpacked. Most prominent among these are the beautiful new Waists, Skirts, Costumes and Men's Stylish Dress Shirts, and are priced very moderately compared with that of previous years.

Try Our Mail Order Service, It Is for You

You will find our Mail Order Service a most satisfactory one. Out of town residents is assured of the same satisfactory service and courteous treatment as if they were selecting their goods personally. Remember that our store is just as close to you as your nearest P. O. Box. A trained mail order staff sees to your wants, and uses the same discretion in buying as if it were for themselves. A trial will convince you that it is satisfactory in every way.

How About Your House Cleaning? Let us Give an Estimate

The time to be thinking about doing your house cleaning is now at hand, and there is no better way of having it done than with

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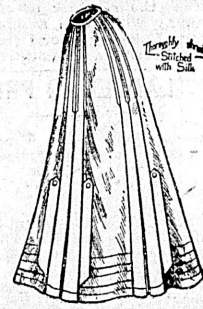
It is the most up-to-date system as yet known, no dirt or distasteful work necessary when having it done by this system. We are at present doing a number of houses, and we suggest that you put your order in as early as possible, owing to the season advancing. For particulars of this system ring up 1685, Carpet Department. You will find it most reasonable and satisfactory.

Ladies' Smart Spring Walking Skirts Specially Priced at \$3.75 to \$7.50



The new styles which have just arrived in Ladies' Fine Walking Skirts are just the kind that will suit women of taste. The tailoring throughout them is perfect and are guaranteed to be thoroughly shrunk, sponged and stitched with silk. They are in French Panamas, Venetian and English shrunk Cashmere, in all the new styles, including the 15-gore with pleats at each seam, also made with double box pleat down front and back, with circular-cut side and finished with Boston-cut fold. Others made with side panels and pleats, finished with button trimmings in colors of blue, black, brown, green and tweed mixtures specially priced for tomorrow at \$7.50 to

\$3.75



Extra Special at 7:30 Tomorrow Night Men's New Stylish Spring Dress Shirts

MEN'S FANCY COLORED STRIPE AND CHECK PRINT SHIRTS, soft bosoms, with attached and detachable cuffs. Special at 7.30 tomorrow evening

MEN'S FANCY LIGHT STRIPE AND CHECK CAMBRIC SHIRTS, in the newest Spring Patterns, 7.30 tomorrow evening at

MEN'S FANCY STRIPE AND CHECK SHIRTS, soft pleated bosoms, detachable and attached cuffs, newest designs, at 7.30 tomorrow evening at

BOYS' FANCY STRIPE PRINT SHIRTS, with soft front and stiff and soft cuffs attached. Special tomorrow evening at 7.30

High Grade Shoes For All Occasions at Money-Saving Prices

Shoes that have those little unusual touches in the construction and finish invariably please and are eagerly sought for, and that is the kind that is included in the sale that is at present going on. They are all high grade, being made by the most foremost manufacturers of America, and you cannot possibly go astray when purchasing your footwear while this offering lasts. Even if you do not want shoes at present it would be a good idea to purchase for future needs. Among this assortment are shoes for all occasions, and every member of the family can be fitted with entire satisfaction as regards the style, quality and value.

MEN'S SHOES — Regular values \$6 to \$7.50 for **\$3.75**
LADIES' SHOES — Regular values \$6.50, to \$7.00 for **\$3.75**
MEN'S SHOES — Regular value \$4.00 for **\$2.50**
WOMEN'S SHOES — Regular value \$5.00 for **\$2.50**

Dainty White Lawn Spring Waists at \$1.75

The new shirt waist models for 1908 are remarkably pretty, and are the handsomest we have ever had on show at such a low price. That they will be worn by everybody there is no doubt, as this year's products fairly overshadow all previous ones. It is safe to say that never in the history of shirtwaists have the styles been so charmingly beautiful; especially you will find this condition prevailing in the style which we are showing at this price. They are made with a panel of embroidery and insertion centre down front, finished on either side with six rows of tucking and embroidery, long sleeves with deep, finished with beading and tucks. This is only one style of the many which we have, as you will find them diversified enough to suit every individual taste.

\$1.75



Smart Styles in Youths' Spring Suits Regular Values \$7.50 for \$5.75

Tomorrow we are making a splendid offering in Youth's Suits. These are the latest arrivals in snappy, up-to-the-minute styles, and are the kind that give us supremacy in supplying the wants of the young men. They are made of the finest materials, including imported and Canadian Tweeds, in the latest Spring Styles. Our Spring Suits for young men inspire confidence because they are correct. They are cut correctly, tailored perfectly and will fit accurately. Choosing a suit out of this assortment will be a very easy matter tomorrow. Regular values were \$7.50. Tomorrow

\$5.75

SOME VERY ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS FOR TODAY

Clearance Sale of Fine Haviland China

Today we are placing on sale a beautiful assortment of Haviland China Dinnerware, and wish to direct your attention to our showing in Broad Street Windows. Haviland China ware is so well known that it is hardly necessary to write up much about it. It is all of high class goods, very prettily decorated with floral decorations.

MEAT DISHES, 12 in. size. Regular price \$1.00. Special today **50¢**
GRAVY BOATS. Regular price \$1.50. Special today **50¢**
OLIVE TRAYS. Regular 50c. Special today **25¢**
SOUP PLATES. Regular price 35c. Special today **10¢**
SUGAR BOWLS. Regular price \$1.00. Special today **50¢**
CREAM JUGS. Regular price 10c. Special today **5¢**
COUPE SALAD BOWLS. Regular price \$1.00. Special today **50¢**
VEGETABLE DISHES. Regular price \$2.50. Special today **\$1.00**
SOUP TUREENS. Regular price \$4.50. Special today **\$1.00**
BUTTER PADS. Regular price 10c. Special today **5¢**

Open Stock Semi-Porcelain Dinnerware at Half Price and Less

Today will offer splendid opportunities for all those to match their present dinner sets with pieces from this assortment at a great saving. This lot is in assorted colors and decorations and are exceptionally good values.

Slop Bowls, regular price 25c. today **10¢**
Bread and Butter Plates, regular price 15c, today..... **10¢**
Dessert Plates, regular price 15c, today **10¢**
Breakfast plates, regular price 20c, today **10¢**
Oatmeal Dishes, regular price 15c, today **10¢**
Tea Pots, regular price 75c, today **25¢**
Soup Tureens, regular price \$3.50 to \$6.00, today. **\$1.00**
Meat Dishes, large size, regular price \$2, today..... **\$1.00**

Other Bargains For Today

Imperfect Linens, Axminster Carpets, New Madras Muslins and Corset Covers Marked Low



Toilet Sets Special

TOILET SETS marked at remarkably low figures is one of the leading attractions for tomorrow. These are in assorted decorations and are regularly sold at \$4.75 per set, but for today we have marked them at, per set.....

\$3.90

Kneading Pans Specially Priced

25¢ SPECIAL FOR TODAY

Today we are offering splendid bargains in Kneading Pans. These are covered and are made of heavy planished tin, very strongly made, with handles on the side. Large size, regular value 50c, Special for today



Today's Special Bargain in Clothes Racks

CLOTHES RACKS, containing five arms, just the thing for the kitchen. Can be screwed to the wall and the arms put back out of the way, which makes it a very handy article. Regular price was 25c. Special for today

15¢

Correct New Models in Ladies' Spring Costumes Faultlessly Tailored

The new arrivals in Ladies' Fine Hand-tailored Spring Costumes show in every fold of their beauty the touch of a master hand. Only on seeing them can you realize their newness and full attractiveness. All through this new stock of Women's Tailored Wear you will find originality of style and excellence of tailor work to an unusual degree. The showing which is to be seen here represents fully the very latest styles, more charming and exclusive than ever shown before. The materials they are made of is fine quality Chiffon, Broadcloth, Panamas, Venetian and Tweed effects, while the styles are in tight and semi-fitting. Prices range from \$57.50 to

\$35.00

Today for Hearth Rugs and Mats

We give unusual prominence to Hearth Rugs and Mats today, when every Rug in stock will be on sale at tempting reductions.

English Axminster Rugs Go Down

24 Axminster Rugs in deep rich pile, have floral and Oriental designs, size 36 inches x 72 inches. Regular price, \$4.50 each. Today sale

20 Rugs in extra heavy (wool back) Axminster in choice designs, size 32 x 66. Regular price, \$6.75. Today's sale, each

\$3.40

\$5.40

Mohair Plush Rugs

This dependable rug is too well known to need more than to mention that every rug in stock goes on sale as follows:

Size 12 x 30: Regular, \$1.25. Today **\$1.00**
Size 18 x 36. Regular, \$2.25. Today **\$1.80**
Size 27 x 54. Regular, \$6.75. Today **\$5.40**

Reversible Smyrna Rugs

Size 30 x 50. Regular, \$4.00, for..... **\$3.20**
Size 36 x 72. Regular, \$4.50, for..... **\$3.60**
Size 36 x 72. Regular, \$5.00, for..... **\$4.00**

Saxony Axm'ster Rugs

In 12 excellent designs in floral, conventional and Orientals, 3 sizes as follows:

Size 18 x 36. Regular, \$1.25, for..... **\$1.00**
Size 27 x 54. Regular \$2.50, for..... **\$2.00**
Size 36 x 63. Regular, \$4.00, for..... **\$3.20**

Lot of Carpet Sample Ends

75 pieces of Tapestry, Brussels and Axminster in 17-2 yard lengths. Tapestry and Brussels, each..... **75¢**
Axminster, each..... **\$1.50**

Other Bargains For Today

A Splendid Choice of Money-Saving Articles in the Housewares Section

EXTRA SPECIAL — Ladies' Trimmed Hats, felt shapes with bows and wings Today **\$1.50**

DAVID SPENCER, LTD

EXTRA SPECIAL — Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose. Regular Values 35c Today **25c**